

## Guioa or Wild Quince

*Guioa semiglauca*



Family: Sapindaceae

Usually a small tree, but up to 20 m



**Distribution:** southern New South Wales to Eungella National Park (20° S) in tropical Queensland.

**Description:** The outer bark is smooth, often coloured and patterned by various lichens. The outer bark is similar to *Coachwood*, however it is more fluted and irregular. Yellow/green flowers form around September to November. The fruiting capsule matures from January to May.

**Propagation:** The seeds are oval covered by a thin layer of fleshy aril. Use very fresh seed to propagate.

**Habitat:** It grows in many different types of rainforest, particularly common in regenerating areas and on sand in littoral rainforest.

**Uses:** Saponin in the bark is used as a poison to stun fish. A good habitat tree, as fruit is eaten by many animals, insects and birds, including the Australian King Parrot.