

Native Frangipani

Hymenosporum flavum



Family: Pittosporaceae

Tree 6 - 20m with perfumed yellow flowers.



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Distribution: Queensland and New South Wales in rainforest and tall open forests.

Description: A fast grower in lush conditions. In tropical areas of its natural habitat some trees grow to 20 metres with a stem diameter of 30 cm or more, but further south it is much smaller. In cultivation it is usually only a small, very slender and upright tree. Fruit capsules are hard and brown, containing numerous closely packed layers of brown, papery seeds.

Propagation is usually carried out from fresh seed which germinates readily but cuttings are also successful.

Habitat: Plants flower best in an open, sunny position but can be grown successfully in shady areas. Established plants will tolerate at least moderate frost.

Uses: Ornamental garden tree. The flowers attract bees and honey-eating birds and butterflies.