



Pink Eudoia

Melicope elleryana



Family: Rutaceae

Small to medium rainforest tree 12 - 25 m with a widely spreading crown & pink flowers



Distribution: Riverine rainforest from the Clarence River in NSW to tropical northern Australia. It is also found in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands

Description: The trunk is almost white with a thick layer of soft corky dead bark. The trunk is slightly buttressed or flanged at the base. Pink flowers from January to March. Seeds mature from July to December, splitting down one side exposing a single shiny black flattened seed.

Propagation: Germination is unpredictable, starting within 30 days or taking several years. Soaking the seeds for several days appears to remove some of the germination inhibitors.

Habitat: Grow in moist rainforests, need shade and good water.

Uses: One of the best of our native plants for attracting butterflies and other insects to your garden. Favoured food plant for the spectacular Ulysses butterfly, *Papilio ulysses*. An abundant food source for insectivorous birds and nectar-feeding birds.