

## Red Bean

*Dysoxylum mollissimum*



Family: Meliaceae

Rainforest tree 18 – 35 m



**Distribution:** Eastern coastal Australia, from the Bellinger River in NSW, to the wet tropics of north east Queensland

**Description:** Trunk is scaly and rough, grey or brown in colour. Freshly cut bark has an onion type scent. White flowers form on panicles from January to July. The fruit is a fawnish brown capsule, and ripens between November and March

**Propagation:** Fresh seed is advised for regeneration.

**Habitat:** Found in tropical, sub-tropical and coastal rainforests.

**Uses:** The fruit is bird attracting. Produces a well-regarded Mahogany timber, suited to cabinet work, carving and boat building. It is Reddish brown and easily worked, but sawdust from this species is reported to cause allergic reactions.