

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.

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