

# *Stemona australiana* (Benth.) C.H.Wright

**Family:**

**Stemonaceae**

Wright, C.H. (1896) *Journal of the Linnean Society of London, Botany* 32 : 496.

**Stem**

A slender vine not exceeding a stem diameter of 2 cm.

**Leaves**

Leaf blades about 9-10 x 5.5-6.5 cm, petioles about 2.5-3 cm long. Leaf blades thin, like rice paper when dry, usually 5-veined, venation between the lateral veins fine and parallel running almost perpendicular to the midrib.

**Flowers**

Flowers borne in axillary clusters of 1-3. Pedicels about 8-30 mm long. Tepals deep red in colour, ovate to narrowly ovate, about 10-14 mm long, apex acute. Fide Telford (1986).

**Fruit**

Features not available.

**Seedlings**

Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**

Occurs in WA, NT, CYP and extends into the northern part of NEQ. Altitudinal range not known but probably extends from near sea level to about 100 m. Grows in beach forest and on monsoon and rain forest margins. Also found in New Guinea.

**Synonyms**

**Roxburghia javanica var. australiana Benth.**, *Flora Australiensis* 7: 1(1878), Type: Northern Territory, Port Essington, Armstrong 628; lecto: K.

**RFK Code**

**2615**



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