



Cryptocarya glaucescens – family: LAURACEAE

JACKWOOD

Medium rainforest tree 10 to 15 metres in open situation
Creamish-green flowers in panicles, spring to summer
Glossy black bird-attracting fruit autumn to winter

Cultivation: Grows in poorer soils in subtropical rainforests.

Cryptocarya glaucescens, commonly known as Jackwood, is a rainforest tree of the laurel family growing in eastern Australia. A handsome coastal rainforest tree with scaly brown bark and glossy green leaves which form a dense dark crown. Small creamish-green



flowers are borne from October to December. The glossy black fruit ripens from March to June and are a food source for fruit pigeons amongst other bird species. The pale brown timber can be used for cabinet work and joinery. In its natural habitat it grows on poorer soils in subtropical rainforest and adjacent wet eucalypt forests and can reach 30 metres. Prefers to grow in a protected site and it's likely to reach only 10 to 20 metres if grown in an open situation.

