

Denhamia celastroides – family: CELASTRACEAE

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Shrub or small tree, 7 to 15 metres Creamy-white to green flowers on spikes in spring

Cultivation: Prefers enriched soils that are mildly acidic to mildly alkaline; also prefers some shade.

Tip-prune from a young age to maintain as a shrub; retain one main trunk to grow as a small



tree. Although it can be rather slow-growing, it is an excellent shade tree in any garden setting.

Found in rainforest margins and wet eucalypt forests in eastern Australia from Manning River, NSW to south of Cairns, QLD. Attractive new regrowth has shades of red



and maroon. Flower spikes appear in spring followed by eggshaped, fruit capsules that ripen to orange-yellow in late summer to early winter.

Also an attractive species for native birds bees and butterflies.

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