



Elattostachys xylocarpa – family: SAPINDACEAE

WHITE TAMARIND



A medium tree to 10 metres

Panicles of small cream to red flowers, any month

Fruit a yellowish woody capsule with black seeds

Cultivation: Hardy in all well-drained soil types; plenty of water and fertilizer will improve new leaf colour.

This attractive tree grows naturally in dry rainforests north from Byron Bay in NSW to Gympie in Qld. Its young leaves are irregularly toothed and often reddish while the new growth is densely hairy and often bright red or orange in colour.



The best displays of colour can be seen in early spring and late autumn and if kept as a tub plant the bright-coloured, heavily-toothed juvenile leaves can be fully appreciated. The timber is light yellow, very tough and

suitable for tool handles. The fruit is a decorative rough woody capsule, the outer surface yellowish. This capsule splits to reveal the pink to purplish aril surrounding the black seeds.



The fruit and/or aril is eaten by honeyeaters, bowerbirds, parrots and rosellas and other bird species.