



Mallotus discolor — family: *EUPHORCEAE*

YELLOW KAMALA

Small rainforest tree 10 - 15 metres

Tiny yellow flowers on racemes

Small yellow berries attract Figbirds and Fruit Bats

Cultivation: Prefers deep soil and plenty of summer moisture but adaptable to less favourable sites, especially if given fertilizer.

Yellow Kamala belongs to a family with over one thousand extremely varied species from all over the world, including



tiny succulents and large cactus-like trees. This neat tree has a rounded crown and pretty fruits yielding a bright yellow dye. It grows in most rainforest areas and in regrowth from the Clarence River in NSW north to Townsville in QLD. Its compact shape at all ages makes it an admirable garden tree. Cuttings are reasonably successful but seed, which can



be collected in January, can be unpredictable even when sown fresh. If seed is more than two weeks old it is completely non-viable.

The fruit is attractive to many birds and bats.