



Mischocarpus pyriformis — family: SAPINDACEAE

YELLOW PEAR-FRUIT — PEAR-FRUITED TAMARIND BRUSH APPLE

Small to medium tree rainforest tree to 10 metres
Small white scented flowers
Attractive orange pear-shaped fruit in early summer

Cultivation: Prefers light, well-drained loamy soils with adequate moisture; slow growing, suitable container plant.



In the open this tree rarely grows more than 10 metres, though in forest conditions it may be up to 18 metres. It occurs in littoral, riverine or seasonally dry rainforest between the mid-north coast of NSW and the Atherton Tableland in north Qld. Heavy flowering and fruiting do not occur every year but are worth waiting for. The small scented flowers are arranged in large conspicuous panicles at the ends of the branchlets. The fruits, with their red aril completely enclosing the black seed, develop in early summer. The dark stiff leaves, glossy above and dull underneath, form a dense and attractive crown which casts a heavy shade. Seed has a very short viability and must be sown immediately after the capsules open.

