



Rhodamnia rubescens - family: MYRTACEAE

**SCRUB TURPENTINE — SCRUB STRINGYBARK
BROWN MALLETWOOD — BLACKEYE**

Small rainforest tree ± 15 metres

Fragrant white flowers in spring

Small red fruit maturing to black, bird attracting

Cultivation: Hardy and dependable in a large range of soil types, situations and temperatures.

From the southern NSW coast to Gympie in south-east QLD, it is seen in most types of rainforest, in regrowth, and in the ecotone (transitional zone)



between rainforest and eucalypt forest. Its rough, scaly bark prompted one of its common names, Scrub Stringybark. The trunk of the tree is fluted or channelled and although it is flared at the base, it is not prominently buttressed. The wood is hard and was used for tool handles, mallets and mauls. Old trees are reported to be hollow. Young plants with their weeping foliage make attractive container plants. The small seeds should be sown sparsely and will germinate in a few weeks.



Birdlife attracted to the fruit include the Brown Cuckoo-dove, Figbirds and the Green Catbird.