

Rhodospaera rhodantha
Family: ANACARDIACEAE

DEEP YELLOW WOOD - TULIP SATINWOOD

Large rainforest tree to 20 metres

Large clusters of red and pink flowers in spring attract birds

Fruit are shiny chestnut-brown berries for long periods

Cultivation: Hardy and fast growing under neglect.

This is an excellent tree for mixed rainforest woodlots providing a valuable timber. The straight, scaly-barked trunk yields a bright yellow, variegated timber, beautifully figured and durable, giving the plant its alternative names. Seasonally dry rainforest is its



habitat from the Macleay River in northern NSW to Gympie and the Bunya Mountains in QLD. Though generally a small to medium tree, it may grow to 20m with its handsome pinnate foliage forming a dark, bunched crown. It is a good-looking garden tree and container plant, especially when young as the leaves are then wavy and lobed. The hard, woody seed-coat must be cut to induce early germination.



The chestnut-brown berries ripen over a long period and make interesting dried arrangements.