

*Toechima tenax* – family: *SAPINDACEAE*

## **PITTED-LEAF STEELWOOD – BRUSH TEAK**

Small rainforest tree 5 –15 metres approximately  
Cream white flowers in panicles April to June  
Fruit is an orange/yellow capsule ripening Sept. – Nov

**Cultivation:** Hardy in most locations but will benefit from extra nutrients and water; full sun or partial shade.

This handsome, densely foliated small tree is found in complex microphyll forests with *Araucaria* emergens and subtropical and dry rainforests from



northern NSW to Gympie in Queensland. In a rainforest situation it may well reach 15 meters but in cultivation it is a more manageable size averaging from 5 to 8 meters. Small creamy white flowers appear in autumn and the orange/yellow pear shaped fruit which follows matures from September to November.



With its attractive dense foliage it makes a good specimen for hedges and screens; and the colourful fruit will attract birds to the garden.