



Scaly Bark Ironwood

Botanical Name	<i>Backhousia kingii</i>
Habitat/Ecology	Dry rainforests, microphyll rainforest, semi-evergreen vine thickets; canopy tree. Endemic to subcoastal Central Eastern Qld. May sucker and form thickets. Locally found at Mt Archer and Moores Ck.
Home use	Pruned as a hedge or tree for the larger gardens.
Habit	Tree to 20 m; 16-40 cm D.B.H.
Flowers/Fruit	Flowers: Jan-May; white clusters (20 flowers/cluster). Fruits: 1.8 x 2.1 mm with four calyx lobes.
Leaves/Stems	Leaves: Attractive mauve-coloured new growth; numerous oil dots; aromatic; up to 5.7 x 3.5 cm. Bark: Grey/pale brown peeling in large strips in older plants.
Propagation	Root suckers; germination poor when grown from seed. Known to grow on slopes and flats; shallow loams to heavier clays
Water/Shade	Very drought hardy



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