

## Milky Pine / White Cheesewood



**FAMILY:** Apocynaceae

**HABIT:** A medium to very tall tree with branches borne in whorls of 4-8 with a distinctly layered form. It has a stout grey barked trunk when grown in the open.

**LEAVES:** Simple, elliptic, from 10-15cm long, borne in whorls of 4-7 at the ends of branches and at intervals along the branchlets.

**FLOWER/FRUIT:** Small, fragrant, creamy flowers are borne in much branched, terminal sprays. Each flower normally forms a fruit up to 30cm long, which splits open on one side at maturity to expose numerous seeds clothed in long hairs. Fruit matures in January.

**PROPAGATION:** Air borne seeds need to be collected just as fruits are opening. Fresh and stored seed can both be successfully propagated.

**LOCAL HABITAT:** Rainforest, riparian.

**DISTRIBUTION:** From Central Queensland Coast to Cape York and overseas.



**GENERAL:** All parts exude milky sap when cut. The light soft timber is creamy white in colour and has been used for cabinet work. A fast growing tree often used in revegetation.



**REFERENCES:** Alcock & Champion 1989 *One Hundred and One Trees of Mackay*.