

Brown Tulip Oak



FAMILY: Sterculiaceae

HABIT: A tall upright tree to 45m with grey-brown longitudinally fissured or wrinkled trunk, buttressed at the base.

LEAVES: Alternate, trifoliate, long stalked leaves are dark green above and bronze beneath. The elliptic leaflets, about 7-12cm long, have conspicuous lateral veins.

FLOWER/FRUITS: Terminal clusters of small creamish, bell-shaped flowers are followed by bunches of dry brown, one seeded, long winged fruits during December and January.

PROPAGATION: Remove 'wings' and sow seed within 7 days. The fruit is sown with the winged side standing vertically not lying flat on soil medium.

LOCAL HABITAT: Rainforest

DISTRIBUTION: From the Torres Strait Islands to the Gladstone area.

GENERAL: The timber has a similar grain to Silky Oak. The attractive foliage makes this fast-growing species a worthy ornamental for larger areas.

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