

Native Gardenia



FAMILY: Rubiaceae

HABIT: A large shrub or small tree with a dense, rounded habit.

LEAVES: Simple, opposite, lanceolate, glossy to 25cm with distinctive sunken side-veins. Stipules or stipule scars between leaf stalks.

FLOWER/FRUIT: Clusters of fragrant white, tubular flowers with five prominent petals about 3cm in diameter. Yellow fruits, 4-8cm in diameter and are filled with flat triangular, whitish small seeds surrounded by a soft pulp.

PROPAGATION: Remove seeds from fruit and sow immediately.

LOCAL HABITAT: Riparian rainforest.

DISTRIBUTION: Central Queensland Coast to Cooktown.

GENERAL: Adequate moisture and a partly shaded position. An excellent indoor or outdoor container plant.

REFERENCES: The Society for Growing Australian Plants (Qld Region), *A Horticultural Guide to Australian Plants* (1983 Set 8 No. 5).