

Omalanthus populifolius
(Euphorbiaceae)

- Common name:** Bleeding heart.
- Localities:** Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** An attractive shrub or small tree to 4 m tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves with a long petiole, soft and broad, up to 15 cm long and wide, more-or-less triangular, turning red with age.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are produced on dense, narrow racemes 6-10 cm long, from spring to summer. The fruit are pale to dull purple and are 2-lobed.
- Habitat:** Occurs in subtropical and dry rainforest; common in regrowth.
- Propagation and Management:** May be propagated from cuttings, or from seed, which must be sown fresh. This is a fast-growing, but short-lived pioneer species, which tolerates sun or shade, but does require good drainage.
- General:** The fruit is relished by brown pigeons.

