

Pandorea jasminoides

(Bignoniaceae)

Common name: Bower-of-beauty.
Localities: Moggill State Forest, Upper Brookfield.

Growth form: A tall, woody climber.

Foliage: Leaves are pinnate, with 5, 7 or 9 leaflets up to 8 cm long, 4 cm wide.

Flowers and fruit: The large and showy flowers are produced from spring to summer. They are about 5 cm long, with a red throat and spreading, white lobes about 2 cm long. The fruit is a capsule about 12 cm long.

Habitat: Occurs along margins of rainforests.

Propagation and Management: This is one of the most spectacular of the rainforest vines. It may be propagated from seed or cuttings and is hardy even in full sun, providing it is kept well watered. It may be kept to a reasonable size by regular pruning.

General: Frequently grown as an ornamental. The fruit are eaten by the wonga pigeon.

