

Pararchidendron pruinatum
(Mimosaceae)

- Common name:** Monkey's ear-rings.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek, Rafting Ground.
- Growth form:** A small bushy tree, to 10 m tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves are bipinnate and light green, with 20-60 leaflets, these mostly alternate, hairy, up to 7.5 cm long and 3.5 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers appear from spring to summer and are in showy, fragrant, white to yellow heads resembling pin-cushions, with many stamens. The fruit is a spirally twisted pod, orange inside and with several black seeds.
- Habitat:** Occurs along margins of subtropical and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from fresh seed. Sensitive to heavy frost, and should be protected from wind, if grown in full sun. Monkey's ear-rings also requires good drainage.
- General:** The fragrant flowers attract butterflies; monkey's ear-rings is a host plant for the tailed emperor butterfly.

