

Pittosporum rhombifolium

(Pittosporaceae)

Common name: Hollywood.

Localities: Widespread, occurring at Brisbane River Bank, Grandview Rd, Upper Brookfield.

Growth form: A small but very ornamental tree, to 15 m tall.

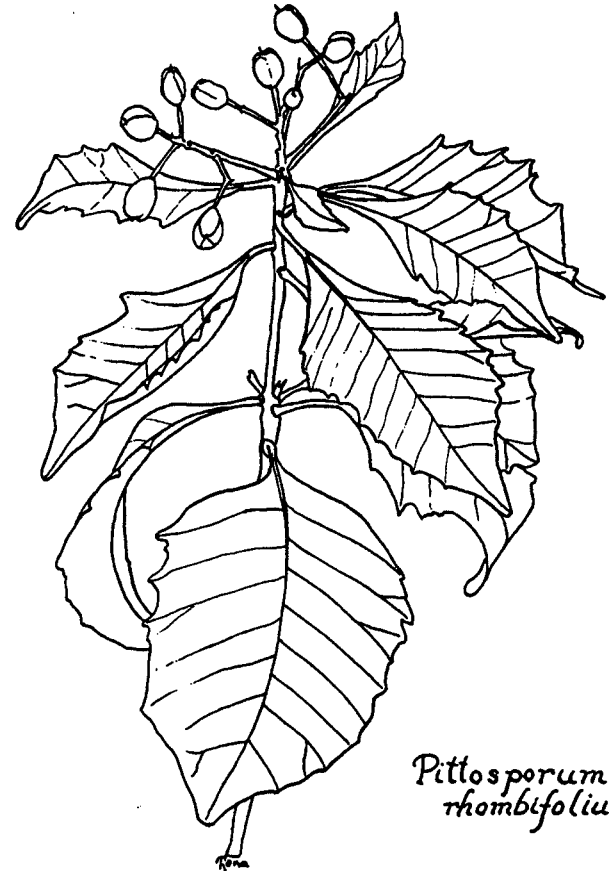
Foliage: Leaves are simple and clustered, mostly diamond-shaped, irregularly toothed along the margins, up to 10 cm long and 5 cm wide.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers are white and star-like in appearance, in dense inflorescences appearing from spring to summer, and have petals 6 mm long. These are followed by attractive yellow-orange fruit, produced in large but loose clusters which remain on the tree for some months. Each fruit contains 2-3 black seeds and ripens in autumn.

Habitat: Grows in or near dry or subtropical rainforest.

Propagation and Management: Seed should be sown soon after collection, as it rapidly loses viability, although germination may not occur for 2-3 months. Early growth can be slow. Hollywood requires good drainage but is hardy and reliable, tolerating infertile soils. It is not seriously harmed by light frosts.

General: Brisbane laurel (*P. revolutum*) also occurs in our district; it has edible fruit.



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