

Planchonella pohlmaniana
(Sapotaceae)

Common name: Engravers wood.

Localities: Kholo Creek, Priors Pocket, Savages Rd,
Upper Brookfield.

Growth form: A shrub or small tree to 10 m tall.

Foliage: Leaves simple, thin, often broadest
towards the rounded tip, tapering to
the base, dark green and very glossy
above but also glossy below, 6-15 cm
long.

Flowers and fruit: The creamy-white flowers are numerous
along the stems and appear from spring to
autumn. These are followed by 2.5 cm round,
greenish yellow or purplish-black fruit,
containing 3-5 seeds.

Habitat: Occurs in dry rainforests.

**Propagation and
Management:** Species of *Planchonella* are generally
propagated from fresh seed.

General: The glossy foliage and bushy habit of
engravers wood make it worthy of a place
in rainforest plantings. Also, it is an
excellent host tree for epiphytic ferns.
Yellow plumwood (*P. myrsinoides*) and
coondoo (*P. cotinifolia*), both small
to medium trees, also occur in local
rainforests.

