

Podocarpus elatus

(Podocarpaceae)

- Common name:** Brown pine.
- Localities:** Moggill State Forest, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** An attractive medium tree with brown, fissured bark.
- Foliage:** Leaves are simple and glossy, parallel-sided, up to 18 cm long and about 1 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** The "fruit" consists of a single seed seated in a blue-black fleshy receptacle.
- Habitat:** Occurs in subtropical and dry rainforests.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from fresh seed or cuttings. Brown pine requires good drainage.
- General:** This is one of the very few native conifers. The fleshy receptacle is edible and delicious. It was relished by Aboriginal children, and it also attracts fruit-eating birds. Brown pine is a host plant for larvae of the eastern flat butterfly; it is also a good timber tree, but is generally slow-growing.

