

Rhodosphaera rhodantha

(Anacardiaceae)

- Common name:** Deep yellowwood.
- Localities:** Grandview Rd, Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** An attractive small to medium tree to 20 m tall, with a straight trunk and scaly bark.
- Foliage:** Leaves are pinnate, with 5-11 glossy, curved, opposite leaflets up to 10 cm long and 3 cm wide. On young plants, the leaves have margins which are wavy and lobed.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are clustered in panicles up to 19 cm long. The flowers are red in colour, with backwardly curving petals about 7 mm long, and appear from spring to autumn. The fruit are brown and shining, about 8 mm in diameter; they are retained on the tree for many months.
- Habitat:** Deep yellowwood is common along the margins of dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Seed may take six months or more to germinate, but is quicker if the seed coat is nicked. Deep yellowwood grows quickly and is hardy, tolerating infertile soils and withstanding periods of moisture stress.
- General:** A very good pioneer species, well suited to rainforest regeneration projects. The flowers attract birds, and the tree provides a good cabinet timber.

