

Toechima tenax
(Sapindaceae)

- Common name:** Pitted-leaf steelwood.
- Localities:** Grandview Rd, Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Rafting Ground, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** A small but dense bushy tree to about 8 m tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves are pinnate, with 2, 4 or 6 bright green leaflets. These are oval, with a blunt tip and wavy margins, up to 7 cm long and 2.5 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are tiny and white, in short, slender panicles; they appear from winter to late spring. They are followed by orange or red fruit up to 3 cm long and about 2 cm wide, containing 2-3 black seeds.
- Habitat:** A common plant along river banks and in subtropical and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from fresh seed. Pitted-leaf steelwood is tolerant of a range of soils and is very hardy.
- General:** This is an attractive tree and is also good for use as a windbreak or screen.

