

Trema aspera
(Ulmaceae)

- Common name:** Poison peach.
- Localities:** Widespread.
- Growth form:** Shrub or small tree.
- Foliage:** Leaves are simple and alternate, up to 13 cm long and 5 cm wide, broad towards the base and tapering to the tip, the margins finely toothed and the surfaces rough to the touch.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are small, in short inflorescences, and appear in summer. These are followed by small, black fruit.
- Habitat:** Poison peach occurs in disturbed subtropical and dry rainforest and in regrowth.
- Propagation and Management:** Poison peach may be propagated from fresh seed or by cuttings. It is a fast-growing tree tolerant of various soils. It is also tolerant of drought, but requires good drainage.
- General:** This species can be a fairly attractive tree, but is usually toxic to livestock. The fruit is attractive to various species of fruit-eating birds. It produces an excellent, strong fibre.

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