

*Tristaniopsis laurina*  
(Myrtaceae)

- Common name:** Watergum.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek, Upper Brookfield. Also Mt Crosby.
- Growth form:** A handsome small to medium tree, mostly not exceeding 10 m tall, with a dense, spreading canopy and pale, smooth bark shedding in thin strips.
- Foliage:** Leaves are simple, narrow and leathery, up to 14 cm long and 3 cm wide, dark green and shiny above, the under surface dull and pale.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are in short axillary inflorescences, the petals yellow, rounded, about 4 mm long. The fruit is a 3-valved capsule, containing winged seeds.
- Habitat:** Occurs along water courses in subtropical rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Watergum seed ripens in autumn and germinates slowly. The species is quick-growing and is tolerant of infertile soils, flooding, full sun, wind and frost.
- General:** Good for stabilising creekbanks.

