

Turraea pubescens

(Meliaceae)

Common name: Turraea.

Localities: Kholo Creek, Mt Elphinstone, Savages Rd.

Growth form: A deciduous shrub to 4 m tall, with hairy young stems.

Foliage: Leaves are about 10 cm long and 6 cm wide, and are hairy on the under surface.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers are white and fragrant, with clusters of 3-5 in leaf axils, each flower about 3 cm across, with long, narrow petals. The flowers appear in spring, when growth starts following the period when shrubs are leafless. The fruit is a ribbed, woody capsule, c. 16 mm long.

Habitat: Dry rainforest.

Propagation and Management: Propagated from fresh seed. Requires good drainage, but otherwise hardy.

General: Turraea is spectacular when in full flower. It was previously known as *T. brownii*, and is uncommon in our district. In open situations, turraea develops into an attractive rounded shrub.

