

Ailanthus triphysa
(Simaroubaceae)

- Common name:** White bean.
- Localities:** Grandview Road, Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Savages Rd, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** An attractive medium to tall, slender tree with a characteristic open and rounded canopy.
- Foliage:** Leaves are clustered towards the ends of branches, and are pinnate, with 16-60 leaflets, these softly hairy on the under side. Can be deciduous.
- Flowers and fruit:** The inflorescence is a slender panicle, appearing in summer. The fruit is distinctive, the single seed being surrounded by a papery wing.
- Habitat:** Subtropical and dry rainforest; also occurs along rainforest margins and in wetter classes of eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** A quick-growing, hardy and drought-tolerant species, which also tolerates shallow, infertile soils. Easy to propagate from seed, which will germinate when freshly collected.
- General:** A good pioneer species, but subject to attack by caterpillars.

