

Alchornea ilicifolia

(Euphorbiaceae)

- Common name:** Native holly.
- Localities:** Brisbane River Bank, Grandview Road, Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Priors Pocket, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** A densely bushy, attractive shrub or small tree to 5 m tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves are simple, leathery and with stiffly-toothed margins. They may be up to 13 cm long and 7 cm wide, but are mostly considerably smaller. Young shoots are bronze-coloured.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are small and greenish. The fruit is a small 3-lobed capsule.
- Habitat:** Dry rainforest and along creek banks, occurring on various types of soil.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from fresh seed or from cuttings. A slow-growing species, but hardy and long-lived.
- General:** A favoured nesting bush for wrens and finches.

