

Aphananthe philippinensis

(Ulmaceae)

- Common name:** Axe-handle wood.
- Localities:** Brisbane River Bank, Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Priors Pocket, Bellbowrie Bridge, Rafting Ground, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** A small to medium tree, moderately dense and with slight buttresses.
- Foliage:** Leaves simple, 3-10 cm long, rough-surfaced and with very prickly margins, the prickles less pronounced on leaves on more mature trees.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are inconspicuous, single in leaf axils, with separate male and female flowers on the same tree. The fruit is small and fleshy.
- Habitat:** Subtropical and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** May be propagated from seed, which should be sown fresh. The species is easy to grow and resistant to frosts, but prefers good drainage. It is very slow-growing, but very drought tolerant.
- General:** Axe-handle wood is a common regrowth tree in run down paddocks and may be used as a pioneer. The timber is useful for wood turning.

