

***Arytera divaricata***  
(Sapindaceae)

**Common name:** Coogera.

**Localities:** Grandview Road, Moggill State Forest,  
Priors Pocket, Rafting Ground, Upper Brookfield.

**Growth form:** A small, ornamental tree to 7 m tall, with  
a dense, rounded crown, when grown in full sun.

**Foliage:** Leaves are pinnate, with 4-7 alternate,  
leathery leaflets 6-14 cm long, dark  
green above, paler below. Young leaves  
are an attractive pink in colour.

**Flowers and fruit:** Panicles are 9-18 cm long, with tiny,  
cream-coloured flowers, appearing from  
spring to autumn. The fruit is about  
3 cm in diameter and is yellow to orange,  
the three lobes each with a brown to  
black seed enclosed in a red, fleshy aril.

**Habitat:** Widespread in the district, in subtropical  
and dry rainforest, on a variety of soils.

**Propagation and  
Management:** Fresh seed should be removed from the capsules and  
soaked overnight, to kill any caterpillars. It may  
take several weeks to germinate and subsequent  
growth tends to be slow. Young plants benefit from  
some protection. Coogera is a hardy species, with-  
standing intermittent drought, full sun and light frosts.

**General:** The timber is very hard. The fruit attracts birds,  
which enjoy the fleshy aril. *A. foveolata*  
(pitted coogera) also occurs in our area, in dry rainforest.

