

Bridelia exaltata

(Euphorbiaceae)

- Common names:** Brush ironbark.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek, Priors Pocket, Upper Brookfield, and widespread in suitable habitats.
- Growth form:** A large shrub or small tree, with deeply-furrowed, dark brown bark.
- Foliage:** Leaves are 5-15 cm long, 2-5 cm wide, more or less oval and glossy on the upper surface, pale and dull on the lower surface, tapering to a blunt point.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are borne in clusters and are very small and greenish. The fruit are 8-11 mm across, yellow, becoming blackish with age.
- Habitat:** Subtropical rainforest and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated by seed, which should be sown fresh. Brush ironbark prefers well-drained soils.
- General:** The fruit attract birds, and the wood is dark brown, resembling walnut. The related species *B. leichhardtii*, the small-leaved brush ironbark, also occurs in our area.

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