

Clerodendrum floribundum
(Verbenaceae)

- Common name:** Lollybush.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek, Priors Pocket, Upper Brookfield, and widespread in suitable habitats.
- Growth form:** Shrub or small tree to 6 m tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves are simple, up to 20 cm long and 10 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are white and fragrant, attractive, with a slender tubular base and prominent stamens. When mature, the calyx is dark red, contrasting with the blue to black fruit.
- Habitat:** Along rainforest margins, and in regrowth, also in mixed eucalypt forest.
- Propagation and Management:** Germination from seed is not always reliable, but lollybush may also be propagated from stem or root cuttings. It is a hardy species, requiring a well-drained soil and partial shade or full sun, but benefits from watering, and some pruning.
- General:** Lollybush is a good small tree to plant as a pioneer. Aborigines produced fire by rubbing together two dried sticks of lollybush, and also used the wood to prepare a remedy for aches and pains. Hairy lollybush (*C. tomentosum*) also occurs in the district.

