

***Dendrocnide photinophylla***  
(Urticaceae)

- Common name:** Shiny-leaved stinging tree.
- Localities:** Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** A medium tree to 20 m tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves soft, to 17 cm long and 10 cm wide, broadest towards the base and toothed along the margins, the upper surface shining, both surfaces with stinging hairs.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are small, in short axillary inflorescences, which are unisexual.
- Habitat:** Subtropical rainforest and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from fresh seed. Germination is moderately rapid.
- General:** It is not recommended that this species be grown in the home garden, as its sting can be very painful. However, this tree does have a place on larger properties, as it was a distinctive member of the original plant community. It is an important pioneer tree and a source of food for fruit-eating birds.

