

Dysoxylum rufum
(Meliaceae)

- Common name:** Hairy rosewood.
- Localities:** Gold Creek, Savages Rd.
- Growth form:** An attractive medium tree with grey, wrinkled bark, developing a dense, rounded or spreading canopy when grown on its own.
- Foliage:** Leaves are pinnate, mostly with 6-8 bluntly pointed leaflets up to 11 cm long and 4 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are small, scented, white or pale pink, and are in long panicles. They appear in spring and autumn. These are followed by rounded fruit 2-3 cm in diameter, covered in short, stiff hairs. The fruit splits into 5 segments.
- Habitat:** A species of subtropical and dry rainforests.
- Propagation and Management:** Seed should be fresh, if it is to germinate, and seedlings appear in about four weeks. Growth is very slow in the first few years, when it requires some protection. Hairy rosewood prefers acid soils rich in organic matter and requires good drainage.
- General:** *D. fraserianum* (rosewood) also occurs in our district, but is rare.

