

Ehretia acuminata

(Ehretiaceae)

Common name: Koda.

Localities: Savages Rd.

Growth form: A medium-sized, bushy tree with a channelled trunk and light grey bark, often losing most of its leaves in winter.

Foliage: Leaves are up to 20 cm long, broadest about the mid-point and tapering to each end, regularly and finely toothed along the margins, thin and slightly glossy.

Flowers and fruit: The small, white flowers are sweetly scented, and are borne in large panicles. These are followed by round orange fruit, about 5 mm in diameter.

Habitat: Dry rainforest and subtropical rainforest.

Propagation and Management: Propagated from fresh seed. Fast growing and tolerant of a range of soil types, but requires good drainage.

General: The fruit is edible, and also attracts fruit-eating birds. This is a useful species for stabilising creek banks.

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