

Flindersia bennettiana

(Rutaceae)

- Common name:** Bennett's ash.
- Localities:** Priors Pocket, Savages Rd, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** A tall and attractive tree to 30 m in height.
- Foliage:** Leaves are pinnate, mostly with three or five leaflets but sometimes more. Leaflets are 8-15 cm long, broadest about the mid-point, more or less symmetrical, glossy on the upper but not the lower surface, which is paler green.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are small and white and are borne in profusion, in dense panicles in winter, when the tree is almost leafless. The fruit is a 4-8 cm long woody capsule, which separates into woody valves which are prickly on the outside, the fruit persisting on the tree after the winged seeds are shed.
- Habitat:** Occurs in subtropical and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated from seed. Tolerant of sandy or clay soils, but slow-growing as a young plant.
- General:** Has been extensively logged for its timber, which is light in colour and was used for flooring and other purposes.

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