

## *Harpullia pendula*

(Sapindaceae)

- Common name:** Tulipwood.
- Localities:** Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Upper Brookfield.
- Growth form:** A small or medium tree to 12 m, with a dense, shady crown.
- Foliage:** Leaves are pinnate, with 4-8 soft, glossy leaflets up to 11 cm long, 4 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are in panicles, the petals greenish yellow, 7-8 mm long, appearing in autumn. The showy fruit are 2-lobed, yellow to red, containing shiny, black seeds.
- Habitat:** Subtropical and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Fresh seed germinates within a few weeks of sowing. Tulipwood does best in more fertile soils, but tolerates low fertility and occasional drought. It is tolerant of full sun, but needs to be protected from frost when young.
- General:** The larvae of the cornelian butterfly feed on the seeds. Tulipwood is an excellent cabinet timber. Hill's tulipwood (*H. hillii*) also occurs in our area (Upper Brookfield). It also occurs naturally in subtropical and dry rainforest.

