

Jagera pseudorhus
(Sapindaceae)

- Common name:** Foambark.
- Localities:** Brisbane River Bank, Grandview Rd, Kholo Creek
Moggill State Forest, Priors Pocket, Rafting
Ground, Upper Brookfield and widespread
in the district.
- Growth form:** An attractive, dense, small tree to 9 m tall, with a
well-rounded crown. Young shoots are densely covered
with soft, furry, brown hairs.
- Foliage:** Leaves are pinnate and have 8-20 softly hairy leaflets to
11 cm long, 3 cm wide, these having toothed margins.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are minute, pink to red; they are followed
by yellow-brown fruit, carried in dense, attractive
clusters. The fruit are covered with stiff,
irritating hairs and should be handled with care.
- Habitat:** Occurs on margins of subtropical and dry rainforest,
and sometimes in gullies in wetter eucalypt forests.
- Propagation and
Management:** Seed should be sown fresh and will then germinate
about two weeks after sowing. Foambark tolerates
full sun and light frosts and, although very
drought tolerant, it benefits from regular watering
and high fertility. It may be grown in a variety
of soil types, including clay.
- General:** Foambark can withstand competition. The bark will
produce a froth if shaken with water - hence its
common name - and was used during the first World
War as a foaming agent in beer.

