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SPECIES

Cryptocarya hypospodia

COMMON NAME

Northern Laurel, Rib-fruited Pepperberry, White Walnut

ORIGIN

Eastern Australia and New Guinea

DESIGN USE



HEIGHT

30m tall

SPREAD

HABIT

It has bark usually nondescript, emitting an odour, often described as peppery.

FORM

Twigs fluted, densely clothed in short, tortuous, brown, erect and appressed hairs. Leaf blades about 6.5-24 x 2.5-13.5 cm, green or slightly glaucous on the underside, clothed in short, straight and tortuous, white or pale brown, appressed hairs when young but eventually becoming almost glabrous. Midrib flush with the upper surface. Petioles ridged, flat or channelled on the upper surface. Oil dots just visible with a lens. Spicy odour in the blaze. Yellowish, brittle stripes often visible in the blaze. Lenticels often give the impression of having been forced out of a narrow orifice. A thin cream or pale brown layer generally visible beneath the subrhynchium layer before the first section of the outer blaze.



FLOWERS

The flowers are pale brown, cream or green, unpleasantly perfumed. The floral tube is 1-1.8 x 1.3-1.5 mm.



FRUIT

The fruit is black when ripe, globular 13-18 x 12-17 mm. Fruiting May

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Occurs in NT, CYP, NEQ and southwards to south eastern Queensland. Altitudinal range from sea level to 900 m. Grows in well developed rain forest and drier rain forest but particularly common in the gallery forests of CYP and NEQ where its fruits are an important food source for fruit eating birds, particularly pigeons.



HORTICULTURE

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