

# *Amyema whitei* (Blakely) Danser

Family:  
Loranthaceae

Danser, B.H. (1929) *Bull. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg* 10: 299.

## Stem

Aerial stem-parasitic shrub. Epicortical runners present.

## Leaves

Leaf blades thick and leathery, brittle, breaking along a straight line when bent back on themselves. Leaf blades about 4.5-10 x 3-7 cm, petioles about 0.2-0.5 cm long. Leaf blades much paler on the underside.

## Flowers

Flowers produced in axillary clusters of 2-flowered umbels. Each flower subtended by a bract about 3 x 3 mm. Rays of umbels about 3-4 mm long. Primary peduncle about 1-4 mm long. Calyx about 0.5 mm long, without lobes. Corolla about (above the ovary) 40 mm long. Anthers about 4-5 mm long, staminal filaments about 3-9 mm long. Disk 6-lobed or toothed, lobes bright red. Ovary about 3-4 mm long without any obvious locules or ovules. Style about 20-40 mm long. Stigma globular.

## Fruit

Fruit nearly globose, 8 mm long, contracted at apex.

## Seedlings

Features not available.

## Distribution and Ecology

Endemic to NEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 1500 m. Parasitic on a variety of rain forest trees.

## Synonyms

***Pilostigma whitei* (Blakely) Barlow**, *Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales* 87: 56(1962). ***Loranthus whitei* Blakely**, *Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales* 47: 400(1922), Type: Queensland, Atherton Scrub, Sept. 1911, R. Mitchell; Holo: NSW.

## RFK Code

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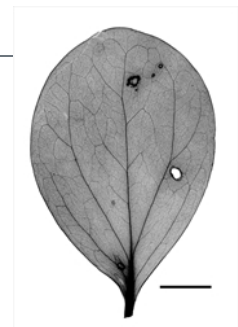
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