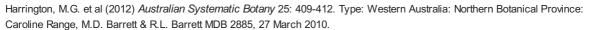
# Backhousia gundarara M.D.Barrett, Craven & R.L.Barrett

### Family:

### Myrtaceae



Single- to multi-stemmed shrub or small tree to 7 m high and trunk to 20 cm diameter. Bark deciduous to base, smooth and peeling. Branchlets flattened to slightly 4-ribbed when young, rounded when older.

### Leaves

Leaves simple, opposite, ovate to elliptic or sometimes broadly ovate, 17-35 x 11-24 mm, slightly to distinctly discolorous, both surfaces hairy, prominent oil glands on both surfaces, pinnately veined with (5-)10-12 lateral veins each side of midvein; midvein flat or slightly sunken above; ; intramarginal vein visible; apex obtuse to broadly acute, not or very weakly and abruptly acuminate; base broadly cuneate to rounded; margin flat or slightly recurved, entire to crenate. Stipules falling early, subulate, 0.3-0.4mm long.



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### **Flowers**

Inflorescence terminal or axillary arranged in branched cymes, 6-25 or more flowers in total. Flowers white; sepals 4, unequal, hairy on both surfaces; petals 4, white, ovate, longer than sepals, hairy on both surfaces, falling early; stamens numerous (57-59), free, white, filaments much longer than petals and sepals, versatile, opening by lateral slits; style filiform, straight, 5.5 mm long, gradually tapering to apex, hairy; ovary 2-locular; nectaries absent.

Fruit dry, indehiscent, enclosed in the hypanthium, 6 - 7 x 4.5 - 5.0 including persistent calyx lobes, 4-5 x 2-3 excluding calyx lobes, calyx lobes +/- ascending, style persistent.

## Seedlings

Features not available.

# Distribution and Ecology

Endemic to WA, currently known only from the upper reaches of the Prince Regent River. Grows in rainforest on sandy soils derived from basalt and sandstone.

# Synonyms

Backhousia sp. Prince Regent (W.O'Sullivan & D.Dureau WODD 42) [HISPID Phrase Name] **RFK Code** 





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