**Beilschmiedia oligandra** L.S.Sm.

**Family:**
Lauraceae


**Common name:**
Ivory Walnut; Walnut, Ivory; Dogwood

**Stem**
Bark often marked by shallow circular or oval indentations, about 5-8 cm diam., and about 5-10 mm deep. Blaze odour slightly aromatic.

**Leaves**
Twigs terete, glabrous, clothed in straight, appressed, brown or pale brown hairs only when very young. Leaf blades about 7.5-12.1 x 2.7-4.8 cm, green or slightly glaucous on the underside, glabrous or clothed in straight, appressed, pale brown hairs. Midrib raised or flush with the upper surface. Petioles flat on the upper surface. Oil dots visible with a lens or just visible to the naked eye. Lateral veins forming fairly definite loops inside the blade margin.

**Flowers**
Tepals about 1.8-2.5 mm long. Stamens six. Staminodes 0-3, undifferentiated, usually with two gland-like structures at the base. Ovary glabrous, +/- sessile.

**Fruit**
Fruits about 37-54 x 34-50 mm. Endocarp about 0.6-2 mm thick. Cotyledons orange or apricot in colour.

**Seedlings**
At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade glaucous or green on the undersurface; oil dots small, visible only with a lens; petiole hairy. Seed germination time 25 to 54 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to NEQ, restricted to the area between Bloomfield and the Johnstone River. Altitudinal range from 60-720 m. Grows in well developed lowland and upland rainforest on a variety of sites.

**Natural History & Notes**
Fallen fruit eaten by Cassowaries and Musky Rat-kangaroos eat the flesh and seeds. Cooper & Cooper (1994).

**RFK Code**
351