Castanospora alphandii (F.Muell.) F.Muell.

**Family:** Sapindaceae


**Common name:**
Brown Tamarind; Native Chestnut; Tamarind, Brown

**Stem**
Sapwood surface often corrugated.

**Leaves**
Midrib narrowly grooved or depressed on the upper surface. Leaflet blades about 9-17.5 x 3-6 cm, much paler on the underside. Younger twigs longitudinally grooved or striated. Lateral veins forming loops inside the blade margin. Terminal buds and young shoots clothed in very small, brown hairs.

**Flowers**
Calyx cup-shaped, about 2 mm long, 5-lobed. Petals about 2 mm long, pubescent. Stamens eight per flower, filaments densely villous. Ovules 1 per locule.

**Fruit**
Fruits +/- peach coloured, finely tomentose. Seeds large, about 17-25 x 20-30 mm, brown.

**Seedlings**
First pair of leaves pinnate with two or four leaflets. Leaflets pale, almost white on the underside. Lateral vein angle about 80. At the tenth leaf stage: leaflet blades ovate, apex acuminate; undersurface glaucous, pubescent with very short, prostrate hairs. Seed germination time 15 to 31 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to Australia, occurs in NEQ, CEQ and southwards as far as north-eastern New South Wales. Altitudinal range from sea level to 1100 m. Grows in well developed rain forest on a variety of sites.

**Natural History & Notes**
Fruit eaten by Cassowaries.

A fast growing tree that quickly produces a dense crown. Suitable for parks and larger gardens.

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
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