Chionanthus ramiflorus Roxb.

Family:
Oleaceae


Common name:
Olive, Northern; Northern Olive; Native Olive

Stem
Yellowish layers in the blaze.

Leaves
Leaf blades about 9-17 x 2-7 cm. Leafy twigs pale, usually marked by numerous pale lenticels. Lateral veins forming loops inside the blade margin. Leaf bearing twigs about 2-3 mm diam. Midrib cream.

Flowers
Inflorescence as long as or longer than the leaves. Sepals to about 1 mm long. Petals about 2-2.5 mm long, +/- ovate to almost orbicular.

Fruit
Fruits ovoid, about 18-25 x 12-15 mm.

Seedlings
First pair of leaves ovate. At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade elliptic, midrib orange-red, flush with the upper surface. Pale lenticels prominent on the stem. Seed germination time 18 to 60 days.

Distribution and Ecology
Occurs in CYP, NEQ and CEQ. Altitudinal range from sea level to 600 m. Grows in rain forest, seasonal rain forest, monsoon forest and beach forest. Also occurs in Asia and Malesia.

Natural History & Notes
Fallen fruit eaten by Cassowaries. Cooper & Cooper (1994).

Synonyms
Linociera ramiflora (Roxb.) DC., Prodomus 8: 297(1844). Mayepea ramiflora (Roxb.) F.Muell., Systematic Census of Australian Plants : 92(1883).

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