**Claoxylon tenerifolium** (F.Muell. ex Baill.) F.Muell. subsp. *tenerifolium*

**Family:**
Euphorbiaceae


**Common name:**
Claoxylon; Queensland Brittlewood

**Stem**
Evergreen shrub or small tree to 8 m tall. Evergreen or deciduous shrub or small tree to 6 m tall. Hard yellowish or orange layers often present in the blaze. Blaze odour apparent, difficult to describe but usually unpleasant. Cambial layer may turn purplish on exposure.

**Leaves**
Oil dots visible with a lens. Usually 2 small raised glands present on the upper side of the petiole at its junction with the leaf blade. Leaf blades about 3-16 x 1-16 cm. Petiole narrowly grooved on the upper surface, 5-50 mm x 0.3 x 1.5 mm, scattered indumentum. Domatia absent. Pale circular or slightly elongated lenticels normally visible on the twigs. Stipules very small.

**Flowers**
Inflorescences axillary, up to 80 mm long. Flowers glabrous or with sparse indumentum. Male and female flowers about 2 mm diam. Anthers shaped like a cloven hoof with the two anther sacs joined only towards the base; bases of the staminal filaments surrounded by numerous glabrous 'glands'. Ovary glabrous or with scattered indumentum near base.

**Fruit**
Fruit about 6-7 x 3.5-4 mm. Aril orange to orange-red, completely enclosing the seed.

**Seedlings**
Features not recorded.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Occurs at the southern edge of NEQ near Forty Mile Scrub, CEQ and southwards as far as south-eastern Queensland. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 900 m. Grows in dry rainforest types.

**Natural History & Notes**
This species is characterised by generally sparser indumentum.

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
310