Clerodendrum floribundum R.Br. var. floribundum

Family:
Lamiaceae


Common name:
Lolly Bush; Abundant Clerodendron; Thurkoo; Clerodendrum; Clerodendrum, Smooth; Clerodendron, Abundant; Smooth Clerodendrum

Stem
A small tree not exceeding 30 cm dbh. Blaze often conspicuously layered.

Leaves
Leaf bearing twigs pale brown. Leaf blades about 7-15 x 3.5-6 cm. Underside of the leaf blade marked by numerous, minute, flat or slightly depressed glands.

Flowers
Corolla tube glabrous externally, long and slender, several times longer than the corolla lobes.

Fruit
Calyx lobes persistent.

Seedlings
Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology
Occurs in WA, NT, CYP, NEQ, CEQ and southwards as far as north-eastern New South Wales. Altitudinal range in northern Australia from sea level to 300 m. Generally grows in open forest and woodland but occasionally found in monsoon forest and vine thickets. Also occurs in New Guinea.

Natural History & Notes
Queensland Herbarium does not recognise the varieties and treats them all at species level.


Not commonly cultivated though this is a hardy and adaptable shrub. Large terminal clusters of long tubular flowers are followed by black fruits in the red calyx. This plant used medicinally by Aborigines, wood decoction drunk for aches and pains. Cribb (1981).

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