

# *Cyclophyllum coprosmoides* (F.Muell.) S.T.Reynolds & R.J.F.Hend.

**Family:**

**Rubiaceae**

Reynolds, S.T. & Henderson, R.J.F. (2001) *Austrobaileya* 6(1): 46-47.

**Common name:**

Coast Canthium; Marko; Coprosma leaved Coffee

**Stem**

Shrub or tree to 10 metres; bark grey and white, finely fissured; buds and young stems with sparse short hairs; stems becoming glabrous; stipules interpetiolar, tapered to a point, 1.5 - 3mm long.

**Leaves**

Simple, opposite; petiole 3 - 7mm long; lamina leathery, elliptic to obovate or spatulate, 25 - 100mm by 16 - 52mm; pinnately veined with 3 - 6 main laterals either side of midrib, distinct both surfaces; upper surface dark-green to yellow-green; lower surface paler; domatia absent or small and inconspicuous.

**Flowers**

Inflorescence axillary 1 - 4 flowered cymes, sessile; pedicels 3 - 5mm; flowers bisexual, white turning orange with age; calyx tubular, 2mm long; corolla tubular, 3 - 8mm, lobes 3 - 5mm; hairs in throat of flower; stamens 5, just exerted; ovary inferior; stigma longer than stamens.

**Fruit**

A fleshy drupe, compressed obovoid, 6 - 20mm long, 2-lobed, orange to yellow-orange; stones 2, each with one seed.

**Seedlings**

Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**

Endemic to Queensland, occurs in NEQ (var. *spathulata* on Fitroy Island) and CEQ (var. *coprosmoides*), southwards to south-eastern Queensland. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 700 m. Grows in vine thickets, coastal heath, along creeks and river banks.

**Synonyms**

**Canthium coprosmoides** F.Muell., *Transactions of the Philosophical Institute of Victoria* 3: 47 (1859), Type: Dawson River, date unknown, Mueller s.n. (Syn: MEL [MEL1538527]); ditto, December 1856, Mueller s.n. (syn: MEL [MEL1538570, p.p.]); Mackenzie River, date unknown, Mueller s.n. (syn: MEL [MEL1538570, p.p.]); Brisbane River, August 1855, Mueller s.n. (syn: MEL [MEL1538569]).

**RFK Code**

1267



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