**Flindersia acuminata** C.T.White

**Family:** Rutaceae


**Common name:**
Icewood; Maple, Silver; Paddy King’s Beech; Pine, Putt’s; Putt’s Pine; Silver Silkwood; Silver Maple; White Silkwood; Silkwood, Silver

**Stem**
Bark usually pale brown. Inconspicuous, pale brown stripes usually visible in the outer blaze.

**Leaves**
Oil dots visible with a lens, more conspicuous on the underside of the leaflet blade. Young shoots clothed in very small, pale, stellate hairs. Lateral leaflet blades about 5-15 x 1.3-4.8 cm, with about 8-15 lateral veins on each side of the midrib. Compound leaf petiole with lateral angles or very short wings towards the base.

**Flowers**
Inflorescence hairs stellate. Sepals suborbicular, about 1-1.2 mm long. Petals elliptic-oblong, about 3-3.2 mm long. Ovules 3 on each side of the placenta.

**Fruit**
Capsules about 9-12 cm long, outer surface muricate with relatively long excrescences. Seeds winged at both ends, radicle lateral. The remains of the capsules normally present beneath mature trees.

**Seedlings**
Cotyledons remaining within the seed coat until the first pair of leaves are produced. At the tenth leaf stage: lateral leaflet blades glabrous on the upper surface or with a few hairs along the midrib, slightly unequal-sided at the base; oil dots, if present, scarce, very small and difficult to see with a lens. Seed germination time 8 to 44 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to NEQ, restricted to the area between the Windsor Tableland and Tully. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 1200 m. Grows in well developed rain forest on a variety of sites.

**Natural History & Notes**
A decorative and useful cabinet timber which takes a high polish.
Formerly used in the manufacture of barrels (cooperage). Swain (1928).

An attractive timber tree with dark green compound leaves that form a large spreading crown. Would be a useful shady tree for parks or streets. Flowers are yellow and are followed by fruit that are star-like when open.

Wood specific gravity 0.53 Cause et al. (1989).

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