Gossia shepherdii (F.Muell.) N.Snow & Guymer

Family:
Myrtaceae


Common name:
Lignum; Shepherd's Ironwood

Stem
Bark very thin, often greenish.

Leaves
Usually two intramarginal veins, the outer one indistinct and the inner one more obvious, about 2-4 mm from the margin. Oil dots visible with a lens, more obvious on the underside of the leaf blade. Leaf blades about 5.2-8.5 x 2.3-5 cm. Leafy twigs slender, up to 2 mm in diam.

Flowers
Petals and calyx lobes pubescent adaxially. Petals about 5-8 mm long, sometimes exhibiting a pink flush, more than 100 oil dots per petal.

Fruit
Fruits globular, about 10 mm diam., calyx lobes persistent at the apex. Testa relatively thick and hard.

Seedlings
Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology
Endemic to NEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 1100 m. Grows as an understory tree in rain forest on a variety of sites but tends to be more common in drier, more seasonal rain forest.

Synonyms

RFK Code
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