Larsenaikia ochreata (F.Muell.) Tirveng.

**Family:**
Rubiaceae


**Common name:**
Wenlock Gardenia

**Stem**
Seldom exceeding 30 cm dbh. Blaze conspicuously layered as a result of layers of fine, pink, granular tissue and hard, bony, brown or cream stripes.

**Leaves**
Stipules, densely clothed in +/- erect hairs, completely encircling the twigs. Leaf blades rather large, about 8-25 x 4-10 cm. Domatia, if present, are small foveoles with white hairs at the opening.

**Flowers**
Calyx lobes about 6-8 mm long, corolla lobes about 20-30 mm long. Corolla tube pubescent externally, cylindrical. Anthers partially exserted from the corolla tube.

**Fruit**
Fruits ovoid, about 45-50 x 30-35 mm. Fruits +/- circular in transverse section.

**Seedlings**
Cotyledons obovate to +/- orbicular, about 8-11 mm long. At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade obovate, apex acute to shortly acuminate, base auriculate, hairy on the upper surface, lateral veins about 8-12 on each side of the midrib; stipules interpetiolar, hairy, completely encircling the stem, apex truncate. Seed germination time 24 to 31 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to Queensland, occurs in CYP, NEQ and CEQ. Altitudinal range from sea level to 400 m. Grows in open forest, monsoon forest and drier, more seasonal rain forest.

**Natural History & Notes**
A shrub or small tree with potential in horticulture. Flowers fragrant, white, turning yellow with age. Plants will withstand dry periods.

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
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