**Ligustrum lucidum** W.T.Aiton

**Family:**
Oleaceae


**Common name:**
Large Leaved Privet; Tree Privet; Large Leaf Privet; Glossy Privet; Giant Privet; Broad-leaved Privet; Broad Leaf Privet

**Stem**
Usually grows into a small tree but also flowers and fruits as a shrub.

**Leaves**
Midrib slightly depressed or +/- flush with the upper surface. Leaf blades about 6.5-14 x 3-6 cm, very brittle, breaking when folded. Leaf bearing twigs pale and marked by numerous lenticels.

**Flowers**
Calyx about 2 mm long, the lobes inconspicuous. Corolla about 3-4 mm long, the lobes longer than the corolla tube. Stamens exceeding the corolla. Ovules pendulous, 2 per locule. Stigma projecting beyond the corolla tube.

**Fruit**
Fruits ellipsoid, about 9-10 x 7 mm.

**Seedlings**
Cotyledons ovate to elliptic, about 16-22 x 8-12 mm. At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade ovate to ovate-elliptic, apex acuminate, glabrous. Seed germination time 18 to 61 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
An introduced species originally from China and Japan. Widely cultivated in Australia and now naturalised in NEQ, on the Atherton Tableland, CEQ, and southwards as far as southern New South Wales. Altitudinal range in NEQ from 700-800 m. Grows on the margins of rain forest, in rain forest regrowth and wet sclerophyll forest.

**Natural History & Notes**
The leaves of this species are suspected of poisoning cattle and the fruits of poisoning children. Everist (1974).

A introduced species once commonly planted but now a weed because of bird dispersal of the seeds. This species may have medicinal properties. ([http://squid2.laughingsquid.net/hosts/herweb.com/herbage/A15301.htm](http://squid2.laughingsquid.net/hosts/herweb.com/herbage/A15301.htm))

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