**Oraniopsis appendiculata** (F.M.Bailey) J.Dransf., A.K.Irvine & N.W.Uhl

**Family:**
*Arecaceae*


**Common name:**
Grey Palm; Orania Palm

**Stem**
Single stemmed palm up to 20 m tall. The base of trunk is usually leaning on the ground and enlarged. Plant bear either male or female flowers.

**Leaves**
Leaf 8-15, to 6 m long, 80-110 leaflets on each side of rachis, petiole to 65 cm long, leaf bases clasping stem. Leaflets sessile, under surface silvery and marked with numerous brown spots; venation longitudinal and parallel.

**Flowers**
Inflorescence to 120 cm long, inflorescences of either male or female flowers. Peduncle of inflorescence flattened and winged at base. Flowers solitary, spirally arranged, with a short pedicel. Sepals 3, c. 1 x 0.5 mm, triangular, fused at base, white-cream. Petals 3, c. 5-6 x 2-2.2 mm, triangular, white-cream. Stamens 6, 3 inserted between petals, 3 attached to petals; staminodes present on female flowers. Stigma c. 0.8 mm long.

**Fruit**
Fruit yellow-orange when ripe, 3.4 cm long x 3 cm diam. Remains of stigma present and c. 4 mm long. Seed to 2.2 cm diam., black.

**Seedlings**
Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to Australia, occurs in NEQ from Mt Spurgeon south to the Walter Hill Ranges. Altitudinal range from 400 to 1440 m, rarely down to 80 m. Grows as an understorey plant in high rainfall areas in rainforest and occasionally in wet sclerophyll forest, mostly near rivers.

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
7010
angled areas of the rachis meet [not vouchered]. © J.L. Dowe

In lowland rainforest [not vouchered]. © J.L. Dowe