Siphonodon australis Benth.

**Family:**
Celastraceae


**Common name:**
Ivorywood; Scrub Guava; Wild Guava

**Stem**
A thin orange layer usually visible beneath the dead bark.

**Leaves**
Leaf blades about 4.5-12 x 2.5-6 cm. Midrib and lateral veins raised on the upper surface. Stipules small and inconspicuous.

**Flowers**
Inflorescence about 10-20 mm long, shorter than the leaves, 1-3 flowered, pedicels about 8-10 mm long. Sepals +/- semicircular, about 1.5-3 mm long. Petals nearly orbicular, about 6.5-8 mm. Anther filaments about 1.5 x 1.5 mm, as wide or wider than the anthers. Disk enclosing the ovary and surrounding the style which is located in a well in the disk. Stigma +/- level with the disk.

**Fruit**
Fruits globular, obovoid or depressed globular, about 25-40 mm long. Seeds immersed in the granular pericarp, each surrounded by a very hard endocarp. Seeds about 6 x 2.5 mm.

**Seedlings**
Cotyledons elliptic to obovate, apex rounded. At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade lanceolate or elliptic, apex acute, apiculate or mucronate, base cuneate, margin crenate or serrate. Seed germination time 717 days.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to Australia, occurs in CYP, NEQ, CEQ and in south-eastern Queensland and north-eastern New South Wales but not in coastal central Queensland. Altitudinal range in CYP and NEQ from sea level to 900 m. Grows in drier rain forest and monsoon forest.

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
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10th leaf stage. © CSIRO