

Xylosma sp. Temple Bay (P.I.Forster PIF8980)

Family:

Salicaceae

Provisional HISPID phrase name.

Stem

Flowers and fruits as a shrub about 3-4 m tall.

Leaves

Leaf blades about 8-20 x 3.5-4.5 cm, petioles about 0.6-1.1 cm long. Lateral veins about 6-10 curving inside the blade margin and forming loops. Petiole grooved or channelled on the upper surface. Stipules small and inconspicuous.

Flowers

Perianth about 1-1.5 mm long, margins of the perianth segments hairy or fimbriate. Male flowers: Disk consists of a ring of orange glands between the stamens and the perianth. Stamens about 15-24. Female flowers: Stigma papillose like the stigma in female flowers of *Litsea* spp.

Fruit

Features not available.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Endemic to CYP, known only from a few collections from Temple Bay, Bolt Head and Bamaga areas. Altitudinal range not known but thought to be quite small and not extending much above sea level. Grows as an understory plant in rain forest, beach forest, monsoon forest and vine thickets.

RFK Code

3150



Female flowers [not vouchered]. © G. Sankowsky



Leaves [not vouchered]. © G. Sankowsky



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