



Mischarytera lautereriana - family: *SAPINDACEAE*
(syn. *Arytera lautereriana*)

CORDUROY TAMARIND

Medium rainforest tree ± 15metres

Small white fragrant flowers followed by red seed capsules

Cultivation: Indifferent to soil type but intolerant of light frost; prefers sun to semi-shade and plenty of organic fertilizer.

This attractive shady ornamental grows in moist, often higher altitude rainforests from Mt Glorious near Brisbane to the Windsor Tableland in north QLD. With its bright green wavy leaves



and brilliant flushes of red new growth this tree makes a lovely ornamental specimen for the garden. It can often reach 30 metres in a rainforest situation but when grown in cultivation it seldom reaches half that size. Below the smooth bark lies the oddly undulate sapwood, hence the common name of 'Corduroy Tamarind.' Sprays of small fragrant white flowers decorate the ends of the blanchlets, often quite profusely. These are followed by the greeny-yellow fruits which contain a seed completely enclosed in a juicy clear orange aril.



This tastes delicious for those who like tartness. The fruit also attracts rainforest pigeons and fruit doves.