



*Trema tomentosa* — family: *ULMACEAE*

## NATIVE PEACH - PEACH-LEAF BUSH



Large shrub or small tree  $\pm$  5 metres  
Tiny greenish/yellow flowers in summer  
Fruit are small bird-attracting black berries

**May Be TOXIC to stock!!!**

**Cultivation:** Hardy and fast growing in a variety of well-drained sites.

Native Peach is a magnificent regeneration species as it is extremely hardy and quick growing. It is most often found along rainforest edges. Its bark will peel very readily in long strips from the trunk and the fibres are strong enough to be used as a substitute for string in an emergency. This plant can be toxic to grazing stock, although this will usually only occur when stock are quite hungry and there is little alternative feed. Adult cattle would need to eat 6-14kg to be fatally poisoned.



Rainforest pigeons such as the Brown Cuckoo Dove and many other local birds love the fruit of this tree and the leaves are eaten by the caterpillar of the Speckled Line-blue Butterfly.

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