



*Denhamia bilocularis* – family: CELASTRACEAE

## ORANGEBARK

Large rainforest shrub to 12 metres

Pale green-cream flowers September to November

Fruit is a bird-attracting yellow capsule ripening March to August

**Cultivation:** Very hardy; slow growing, but extra water nutrients and mulch will improve its performance.

This is a large shrub or small tree up to 12 metres tall found in dry and subtropical rainforests and the sclerophyll forest ecotone from the Macleay River, NSW to Cape



York, North Queensland. Orange underbark is a feature of this species hence its common name 'Orangebark.' Flowers are pale green-cream from September-November. Fruit is a yellow two-valved capsule up to 6mm in diameter. Seed is black with an orange aril and is ripe from March to August. It is a very hardy plant, though slow growing. It makes a good screen plant as it has a dense habit and ornamental, reddish new growth. Propagation is from fresh seed and possibly cuttings.



The orange arils, which ripen in masses, attract fruit eating birds.