



TAWAPOU

(*Pouteria costata*)

Sub Canopy
8m



PHOTO –FLOWER PENDING

Description:

- Found in low coastal forests of the north and as such they are frost tender. Tawapou is tolerant of dry conditions
- The canopy is rounded and if broken the twigs and leaves exude a milky sap
- Glossy, the smooth edged leaves are elliptical. They are narrower at the base and become larger and rounded at the tip. Alternately arranged the leaves have many parallel veins

Fruits & Flowers:

- Greenish insignificant flowers occur throughout spring
- In the autumn the bright orange berries containing up to four seeds appear

Uses:

- The berry flesh is edible and the hard seeds were used as beads
- Often overlooked by gardeners tawapou, if frost free, makes a handsome specimen tree