



# Cocky Apple



**Botanical Name**  
**Habitat/Ecology**

*Planchonia careya*  
Woodlands, open forests & coastal dunes. Fruit eaten by cockatoos, leaves by moths; larval food plant for butterflies/moths; & nectar eaten by birds (lorikeets).

**Home use**

Edible fruit when ripe and yellowish: roasted or raw; quince-like taste. Bark & leaves a traditional medicine; bark used in net-making and root bark for belts.

**Habit**

Crooked tree to 6 m; open canopy.

**Flowers/Fruit**

**Flowers:** Sep-Nov; white/pink flowers opening at dusk and falling by morning; musky perfume.

**Fruits:** Dec-Jan; ovoid to 4 cm.

**Leaves/Stems**

**Leaves:** pale green; turning to autumn colours in dry season; broad, up to 14 x 7 cm.

**Propagation**

Fresh seeds or cuttings & well-drained soil

**Water/Shade**

Plenty of light; hardy in hot & dry conditions & exposed coasts; tolerates moist soils, good drainage.

**Maintenance**

Slow growing with little maintenance required.



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