



## Swizzle Stick or Tim-tim

### BOTANICAL NAME

*Timonius timon*

### Habitat/Ecology

Rainforest, including littoral and margins; stream lines; sheltered eucalypt forest; and serpentinite country. Sandy/peaty soils and serpentine outwash. Blossom bats eat fruit; dusky honey eaters eat nectar; moths eat leaves.

### Home use

Ornamental, attractive shade/shelter tree with spreading crown; attracts birds.

Aboriginal medicinal uses of inner bark, wood & leaves.

### Habit

Shrub to small tree; 8-10 m (known to grow to 15 m).

### Flowers/Fruit

**Flowers:** May – Nov; mostly in spring; fragrant; small, white, silky/hairy; separate flowers. Male in clusters and female single.

**Fruit:** February to March; brown, edible, and grow to 2 cm.

### Leaves/Stems

**Leaves:** Evergreen; 6-15 cm long; prominent veins on both side, sometimes with silky hairs; and with hairy domatia (small depressions).

**Bark:** Greyish/black, rough, flaky to tessellated, corky.

### Propagation

Grow from seeds.

### Water/Shade

Prefers slightly moister niches; and a pioneer species.



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