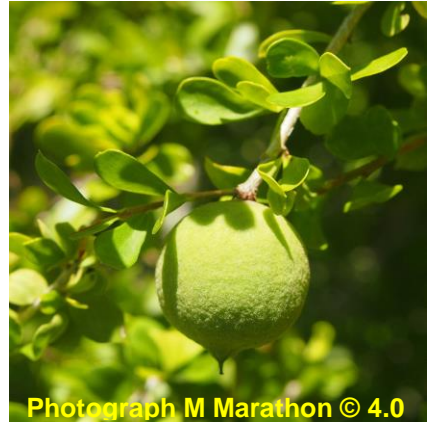


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Wallaby apple

- Botanical Name** *Pittosporum spinescens*
- Habitat/Ecology** Vine thickets, open forests, dry scrubs and coastal rainforest through Central Queensland. Fruits eaten by kangaroos and wallabies. Butterfly larvae food plant.
- Home use** Easily pruned to an effective hedge or avenue shrub. Small bird habitat. Edible fruit: raw, crunchy, mild-slightly sweet.
- Habit** Shrub to small tree to 5 m; dense foliage; evergreen.
- Flowers/Fruit** **Flowers:** winter to summer; small tubular white flowers. **Fruits:** summer to autumn; pale green, yellow, orange to brown; softly hairy 'ball' to 2.5 cm; edible.
- Leaves/Stems** **Leaves:** small to 1.5 x 0.6 cm; glossy pale green, often in groups of three; smooth leaf margin. Leaf axils have small spines to 1 cm long. **Bark:** smooth, white or pale grey.
- Propagation** Fresh seeds or cuttings; range of soil types.
- Water/Shade** Requires little water once well established.
- Maintenance** Can be pruned to a hedge or to maintain a rounded shape.



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