FINDLAY'S SILKY OAK

Alternative name: Cheese Tree, Pin Flower Tree

FAMILY: EUPHORBIACEAE

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Glochidion lobocarpum

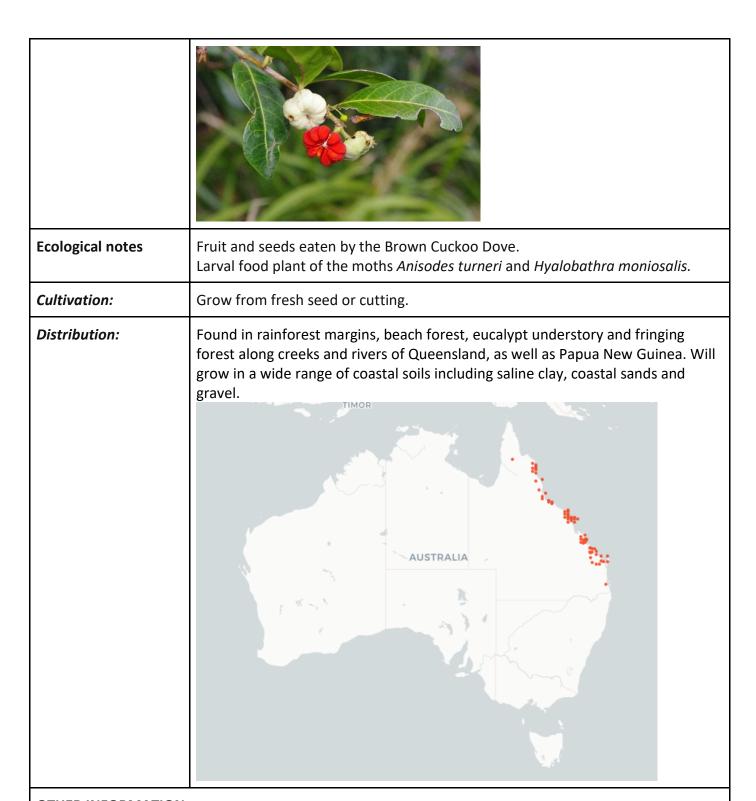




Form and size:	A shrub to small tree
Leaves:	Simple, alternate entire, ovate to elliptic 2-10cm long Adult leaf - Topside: dull to glossy green Underside: glaucous (dull greyish-green or blue colour)
Bark:	Brown with vertical fissures
Flowers:	Axillary clusters of yellowish green perfumed flowers Dioecious flowers, i.e. male and female flowers are found on separate plants Flowers prolifically
Flowering Period:	May to February
Fruit:	Small pumpkin shaped capsules, about 8 mm in diameter Green turning orange/yellow when ripe.

name, Cheese Tree. December to May

Fruit is recorded as resembling a miniature Edam cheese, hence the common



OTHER INFORMATION

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QUIZ TIME

- 1. Why is one common name for Findlay's Silky Oak the Cheese Tree?
 - a. It smells like cheese.

- b. The fruit smells cheesy.
- c. Mice like to eat the leaves.
- d. The fruit resembles small Edam cheese wheels.

2. What colour is the underside of the leaves?

- a. dull greyish-green or blue colour
- b. dull pinkish-grey
- c. glossy green
- d. bright lime green with green-grey hairs

3. What type of flowers are found on Findlay's Silky Oak trees?

- a. gall flowers
- b. monoecious male and female flowers found on same plant
- c. dioecious male and female flowers found on different plants
- d. spores

ANSWERS:

- 1. D
- 2. A
- 3. C

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