



*Floydia praealta* – family: PROTACEAE



## BALL NUT

Bushy rainforest tree +10m approximately  
Cream honey-scented flowers in summer  
Large ball fruits, usually in winter

**Cultivation:** Hardy in most locations. Prefers deep soil, plenty of water and freedom from grass competition.

This species is now threatened because its habitat of riverine and sub-tropical rainforest



between N.E. NSW and S.E. Qld has been cleared. It is worth growing for its honey-scented flowers and its beautiful shady crown. Its long wavy leaves are similar to that of the edible Queensland Nut (*Macadamia integrifolia*) but the fruit, up to 5cm across, is unpalatable and bitter. Moist specimens are seen as bush re-growth trees. A fine, red timber has been cut from the large trees. Its dense bushy form makes it a useful windbreak or screening specimen.