

Glochidion apodogynum Airy Shaw

Family:

Phyllanthaceae

Airy Shaw, H.K. (1972) *Kew Bulletin* 27: 44. Type: Papua, Milne Bay district, Baiawa, Moi Biri Bay, 9 Sept. 1953, Dwyer 24222, holotype: K.

Common name:

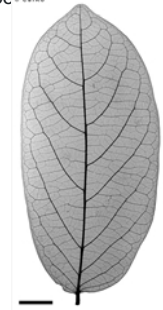
Buttonwood

Stem

Can grow into a small tree but often flowers and fruits as a shrub 1-4 m tall.

Leaves

Leaf blades about 5-11 x 3-5 cm, hairy on both the upper and lower surfaces. Petioles very short, +/- swollen, hairy. Leaf bearing twigs clothed in pale, +/- erect hairs.



Scale bar 10mm. © CSIRO

Flowers

Flowers about 2 mm diam. Tepals pubescent on the outer surface but glabrous on the inner in both male and female flowers. Male flowers: Inflorescences without a peduncle and strictly axillary. Flowers without a disk. Female flowers: Flowers +/- sessile. Styles fused to form a hemispherical or button-shaped mass on top of the ovary.

Fruit

Capsules pubescent on the outer surface, lobed, resembling a miniature Queensland Blue pumpkin (*Cucurbita pepo*) in shape.

Seedlings

Features not available.

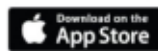
Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in NT, CYP, NEQ and CEQ. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 800 m. Grows in open forest, vine thickets and on the boundary between open forest and monsoon forest or the drier types of rain forest. Also occurs in New Guinea.

RFK Code

3080

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