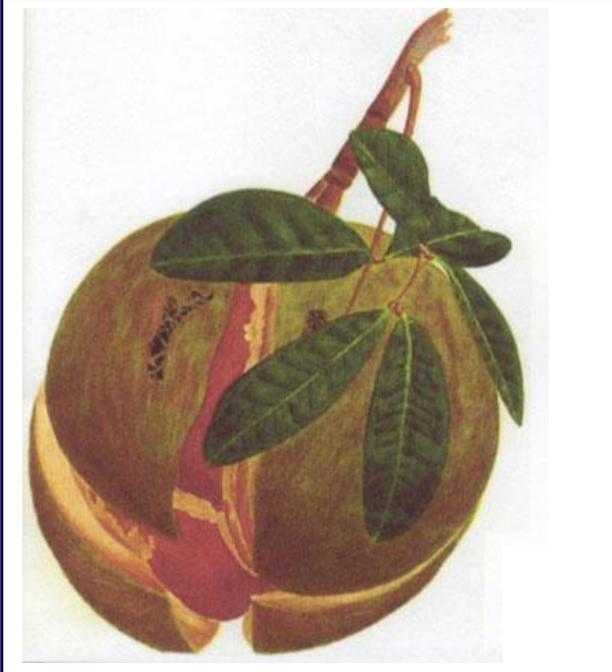


# CANNON BALL MANGROVE

*(Xylocarpus granatum)*



The Cannonball Mangrove gets its name from its large cannon-shaped fruit sometimes known as monkey-puzzle nuts. Trees can grow as tall as 25 metres.

## Roots

Buttresses at the base of the trunk and plank or ribbon type above ground roots.

## Leaves

Leaves are oval shaped and thickened at the base where they meet the stem. This thickening allows them to either face or avoid the sun. Leaves are alternate and are green to yellowish green in colour.

## Flowers

December – January

Small pink flowers

## Fruit

June - September

The large cannon ball shaped fruit contains 12-18 tightly packed seeds. They ripen to a golden-brown colour. They are often found on North Queensland beaches.

## Bark

Smooth mottled pink-orange bark which can flake off.

## Similar species

The cedar Mangrove has similar leaves but it has snorkel-like roots, smaller fruit and brown fissured bark.

## Location

Usually found in river systems of the wet tropics.

