



# TARAIRE

(*Beilschmiedia tarairi*)

Canopy  
20+m



PHOTO PENDING SEED

**Description:**

- A tall tree of the northern forests with a spreading canopy
- Typically for trees of that region it is frost tender and prefers deep rich soil
- The leaves are a glossy green on the upper surface and paler underneath. Veins are prominent and the newer leaves are covered in brown hairs

**Fruit & Flowers:**

- Tarairi have small yellowish flowers in spring to late summer
- Purple and ovoid, the fruit look like plums. Much loved by the pigeons

**Pests / Diseases:**

- Tarairi do not have any significant pests or diseases but like most forest species suffer from grazing possums

**Uses:**

- The fruit, like those of the karaka, were a food source. The kernels were cooked, however unlike the karaka, the flesh itself was not palatable