



Tabernaemontana pandacaqui-family: APOCYNACEAE

BANANA BUSH

Medium understorey shrub \pm 2m

White, windmill-shaped, sweetly-scented flowers spring –
summer

Decorative yellow fruit resembling tiny bananas

Cultivation: Adaptable; best in good light without direct sun. This plant is highly adaptable. When growing as an understorey shrub it is dark-leaved with open branches; in regrowth after clearing it is shorter and denser with yellow leaves.

It grows in a variety of sites from the mid-north coast of NSW to North Qld. Cymes of white-scented flowers from leaf axils appear in spring-summer.

Non-edible fruits are paired banana-shaped follicles, yellow in colour, containing small seeds cloaked in a red fleshy covering, ripening March-April.

It is sometimes defoliated by caterpillars down to the last leaf. New plants can be propagated from cuttings or fresh seed.

