

Idiot fruit

Idiospermum australiense

Habitat

Re-discovered in 1972, this ancient tree has since been found deep in the lowland rainforest near Cape Tribulation, Daintree National Park (CYPAL) and in only a few other areas in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Fun facts

One of the world's rarest and ancient flowering plants – known as the green d _ n _ saur.

Their seed is one of the largest of any Australian plant and is similar in size to a h _ m _ n fist.

Why Ranger's fave animal?

'This incredible 'living fossil' has remained relatively unchanged for millions of years. It provides us with an amazing insight into the evolution of flowering plants, which began about 120 million years ago.'

— Ranger Deanna

The large, heavy seeds don't float and are too poisonous for most animals to eat. It's thought in the past they were dispersed by D _ p _ _ todons.

Queensland
National Parks
that protect them

Daintree National Park
(Cape York Peninsula
Aboriginal Land)



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