Native Mulberry

_Pipturus argenteus_

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Category: Tree (5-10m)
Height: 3-8 metres
Spread: 3-5 metres

Full sun to part shade
Keep moist
Well drained soil, tolerates sandy soils
Host plant for a variety of butterflies
Traditional use plant

The Native Mulberry is a non-stinging nettle that produces fruit so delicious, you'll be competing with the wildlife.

The fruits are small and white, almost translucent in appearance. Like strawberries, they bear their seeds on the outside. They are soft and juicy, with a sweet and delicate flavour, though like conventional mulberries, can vary in taste and texture. If a native edible hedge is what you are after, clever pruning and care will thicken this plant out nicely.

Native Mulberry trees are dioecious, meaning they may be male or female.