

## Petalostigma pubescens (Quinine Tree)

Attractive little tree with bright orange fruits that dry, shed their flesh then explode, shooting the seeds in all directions. Both the bark and the fruits of *Petalostigma pubescens* have been used traditionally to make a bitter tonic, and to treat fevers, including malaria. The yellow flowers are insignificant, but are followed by fruits up to 2 cm in diameter that are quite prominent. These are 3–4 locular orange-yellow capsules.



*Petalostigma pubescens*

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**Type:** Small Tree to 5m  
**Aspect:** Full/filtered sun  
**Soil:** Well-drained  
**Habitat:** Coastal Forest and Streambanks

### Special features:

- Attracts –
  - Birds
  - Butterflies
- Bush Medicine
- Coastal Plant – Seaside Screen