

# *Brexiopsis aquifolia* H. Perrier

Reampy

Small tree that is readily observable as a shrub thanks to its unique long, narrow, spiny, evergreen leaves.



## Description

*Stature:* in younger individuals branches are nearly horizontal.

*Size:* shrub to small tree.

*Bark:*

*Leaves:* evergreen leaves that are long (ca 20 cm) and narrow. The edges are sharply toothed.

*Flower:* sessile flowers on branches.

*Fruit:* drupe to 3 cm.

*Seed:*

## Celastraceae

### Striking features

- large, elongated spiny leaves.
- evergreen.



## Ecology

*Status and distribution:* Endemic genus with 7 species.

*Habitat requirements:* appears to be shade-tolerant.

*Phenology:* evergreen.

*Kirindy:* common in CS4.

*Reproduction:*



## Uses

### Sources and further information

*General:*

*Botanical description:* Schatz (2005) p 101, Flore de Madagascar No. 116.

*Forestry:*

*Kirindy:*

*Herbarium specimen:* [www.aluka.org](http://www.aluka.org)