



Common Name: Bantolinao, Black Ebony

Scientific Name: *Diospyros ferrea* (Willd.) Bak.

Family: *Ebenaceae*

Distribution: Africa, Australia, Bangladesh, Borneo, Cambodia, India, Java, Laos, Lesser Sunda Isls, Madagascar, Malay Peninsula, Moluccas, Myanmar, New Guinea, Pacific Ocean, Philippines, Ryukyu Isls, Solomon Isls, Sulawesi, Sumatra, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam. BASILAN, BATANES, BONGAO, CAMIGUIN DE BABUYANES, CEBU, DALUPIRI, DINAGAT, ITBAYAT, LUZON: Aurora, Cagayan, Camarines Sur, Ilocos Sur, Isabela, Pangasinan, Zambales, MALAMAWI, MINDANAO: Cotabato, Davao, Surigao, MINDORO, OLUTANGA, PALAWAN, PAMALICAN, PANAY, PONEAS, SULU ARCHIPELAGO, TINAGO

DAO/IUCN category: Vulnerable



Description: Bantolinao is a small bushy tree growing 6m to 15m tall, suitable for streetscape planting. Its named Black Ebony because of its heartwood that is jet black with whitish or grayish streaks when streaky. Its wood is used for ornamental carvings, walking sticks, cabinet work, tool handles, and the likes.

Source: <https://www.philippineplants.org/Families/Ebenaceae.html>
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