



**Common Name:** Gakakan, Maritima, Balingagta

**Scientific Name:** *Drypetes falcata* (Merr.) Pax & K.Hoffm.

**Family:** *Putranjivaceae*

**Distribution:** Endemic to the Philippines, (Region 2) Batanes and Babuyan Islands, Camiguin de Babuyan, LUZON: Cagayan.

**DAO/IUCN category:** Other Threatened Species



**Description:**

*Drypetes falcata*, locally known as Gakakan or Maritima, is a small, slow-growing tree, usually 2 to 5 meters tall. It has alternate, simple, elliptic to oblong, leathery leaves. Endemic to Batanes Island and Babuyan Island, where it is common along the seashore. Although commonly used as an ornamental tree, its wood can also be used for making furniture and construction.

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