

# *Givotia madagascariensis* Baill.

Farafatsy

Hollow tree with conspicuous foliage.



## Description

*Stature:* bottle-shaped trunk.

*Size:* small tree.

*Bark:* whitish. Variable.

*Leaves:* alternate, simple, with 3-5 lobes.

*Flower:* dioecious, small flowers in axillary inflorescences.

*Fruit:* large fleshy, indehiscent, 1-seeded drupe.

*Seed:* embedded in oily endosperm.

## Euphorbiaceae

### Striking features

- hollow trunk.
- bottle-shaped stem.
- deeply-lobed leaves.



## Ecology

*Status and distribution:* genus of 4 species with two Malagasy endemics.

*Habitat requirements:* prefers calcereous substrates.

*Phenology:*

*Kirindy:* in 2008 came into leaf and flowered in November.

*Reproduction:*



## Uses

Very light wood. Suffers from termite and fungus attacks. Wood mainly used to make canoes.

### Sources and further information

*General:*

*Botanical description:* Abraham (1991) p 35, Schatz (2005) p 156.

*Forestry:* Grisa (1987)

*Kirindy:* Anon. (1993) no. 108.

*Herbarium specimen:*