

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Gumnuts. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Base of trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Roma, Qld



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Lemon-scented gum, Spotted gum

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Planted. Occasionally **naturalised** on roadsides and in gardens. Coast and ranges north from Wollongong. Occasionally elsewhere.

Naturally occurring north from Coffs Harbour.

## Notes

**Introduced** tree to 50 m tall. Bark smooth, often **powdery**, shedding in thin curling flakes. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section, rough to bristly. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 2-3 pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, 8-21 cm long, 32-80 mm wide, bases usually **peltate** for many **nodes**, green, rough to bristly for many nodes. **Adult** leaves often lemon-scented when rubbed, alternating up the stems, 7-23 cm long, 6-35 mm wide, glossy, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. flower buds 6-10 mm long, caps shorter than the bases. Flower clusters 3-flowered, several clusters together forming **compound** clusters at the bases of the leaves. Flowers most of the year. Gumnuts 7-12 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

*Corymbia citriodora* subsp. *citriodora* in Vic. (accessed 19 April 2021)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Corymbia-citriodora> (accessed 19 April 2021)

EUCLID description: [https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/corymbia\\_citriodora.htm](https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/corymbia_citriodora.htm) (accessed 19 April 2021)

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