

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers, buds, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Waite Arboretum, Adelaide, SA



Leaves, new growth, and gumnuts on bark. Juvenile leaves on bark. Photographer Jackie Miles



Juvenile leaves on bark. Photographer Jackie Miles, Moruya



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig Inglewood to Warwick, Qld

Common name

Red ironbark, Broad-leaved red ironbark, Broad-leaved ironbark

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast and ranges north from Tuross **Head.**

Notes

Tree to 35 m tall. Bark ironbark throughout, grey or grey-brown to black, hard or soft, sometimes flaky. **Juvenile** stems round or square in cross section. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 3 to 5 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 8-20 cm long, 45-140 mm wide, slightly glossy to dull, green to grey-green. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 8.5-18 cm long, 15-50 mm wide, somewhat glossy or dull, green to grey-green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-11 flowered, forming **compound** clusters at the ends of the branchlets. Mature flower buds 8-17 mm long, caps longer than the bases. Flowers most of the year. Gumnuts 5-10 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have protruding **valves** or valves that are not very noticeable.

PlantNET has not yet added a key to the two subspecies, both of which occur in NSW.

PlantNET description (as *Eucalyptus fibrosa*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf&lvl=sp&name=Eucalyptus-fibrosa> (accessed 1 May 2021)

EUCLID description: https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_fibrosa_subsp._fibrosa.htm (accessed 1 May 2021)

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