

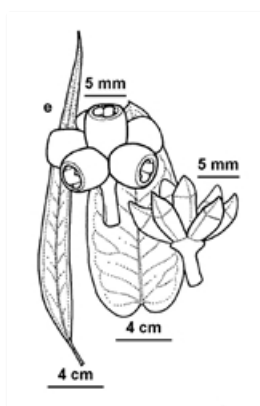
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Gumnuts and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Trunks. Photographer Peter Woodard, New England National Park west of Bellingen



Line drawings. e. juvenile (right) and adult (left) leaves; buds and gumnuts. KR Thiele, Australian National Herbarium, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

## Common name

Shining gum, Silvertop

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Wet **forest** and **rainforest** margins. Ranges and tablelands south of Captains Flat.

## Notes

Tree to 70 m tall. Bark smooth throughout, or with a thin stocking of rough fibrous-flaky grey bark on the basal 1 m of the trunk. Smooth bark shedding in long ribbons, sometimes with horizontal black scars. **Juvenile** stems square in cross section and prominently **winged**, **glaucous** or non-glaucous. Juvenile leaves opposite each other, stem-clasping for many pairs (until the sapling stage), 6.5-18 cm long, 28-95 mm wide, usually blue-green or glaucous. **Adult** leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10-30 cm long, 15-40 mm wide, glossy, green, margins **entire**. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-flowered. Mature flower buds 5-7 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Flowers Summer-Autumn. Gumnuts 4-7 mm in diameter, faintly angled longitudinally. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable or protruding somewhat.

Intergrades with *Eucalyptus denticulata* where the two species grow close together.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Eucalyptus~nitens> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

EUCLID description: [https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus\\_nitens.htm](https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_nitens.htm) (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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