

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers, buds, gummuts, and leaves. Photographer Chris Clarke, north of Bendigo, Vic



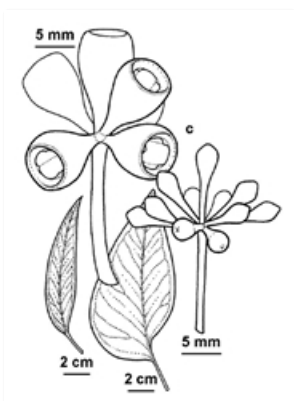
Juvenile regrowth. Photographer James Booth, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Bark. Photographer Arthur Chapman, Melbourne, Vic



Trees. Photographer David Francis, Macedon Ranges, Vic



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

Common name

Messmate, Messmate stringybark

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest and grassy areas. Ranges, tablelands, and ACT. Coastal, but rarely coastal north of Eden.

Notes

Tree to 90 m tall, sometimes a **mallee**. Bark rough on all but the smallest branches or sometimes the branches less than 8 cm diameter smooth. Rough bark stringy or fibrous, longitudinally furrowed, brown to grey brown or red-brown. Smooth bark shedding in ribbons. **Juvenile** stems rounded or square in cross section, warty or smooth. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 2-7 pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, 6-21 cm long, 23-85 mm wide, glossy, green. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 6-22 cm long, 15-70 mm wide, glossy, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 11-15+ flowered. Mature flower buds 4-9 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Flowers most of the year. Gumnuts 5-11 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

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

EUCLID description: https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_obliqua.htm (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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