

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Base of mature tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, Medlow Bath

Common name

Blue Mountains ash, White ash, Smooth-barked mountain ash

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest on high sloping country and on the sandstone escarpment. Ranges and Southern Highlands north of Berrima. Mostly in the Blue Mountains.

Notes

Tree to 40 m tall. Bark wholly smooth, or rough for up to 4 m at the base of the trunk. Rough bark loose and grey. Smooth bark **powdery**, shedding in long ribbons. **Juvenile** stems square or rounded in cross section, usually **glaucous** and warty. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for about 5-6 pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, 8-20 cm long, 35-100 mm wide, dull, grey-green to glaucous. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 7.5-18 cm long, 10-32 mm wide, semi-glossy to glossy, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-flowered. Mature flower buds 5-8 mm long, caps as long as the base. Flowers Summer-Autumn. Gumnuts 6-10 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

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

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

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