

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleing



Leaves and gumnuts. Photographer Jackie Miles, near Ulladulla



Leaves and gumnuts on bark. Photographer Jackie Miles



Juvenile leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Base of trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Fitzroy Falls, Morton National Park



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Denise Grieg, East Kurralong, Sydney area.jpg

Common name

Sydney peppermint

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**, often on alluvial sandy soil. North of Mogo. Coast, ranges, and tablelands. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Tree to 20 m tall. Bark rough on the trunk and larger branches, sometimes also on smaller branches. Rough bark finely fibrous

('peppermint'), grey to grey-brown. Bark smooth above, shedding in long ribbons, often **powdery**. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section, sometimes warty. Juvenile leaves opposite each other, stem-clasping for about 5-7 pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, stalked, 4-12.5 cm long, 17-65 mm wide, dull, blue-green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 8-20 cm long, 10-47 mm wide, dull, green to blue-green or grey-green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 9- to about 15 flowered. Mature flower buds 4-8 mm long, caps at least as long as the base. Flowers Summer-Autumn. Gumnuts 5-8 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

The two subspecies described in EUCLID are not recognised by the Council of **Heads** of Australasian Herbaria (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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

EUCLID descriptions: https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_piperita_subsp._piperita.htm (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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