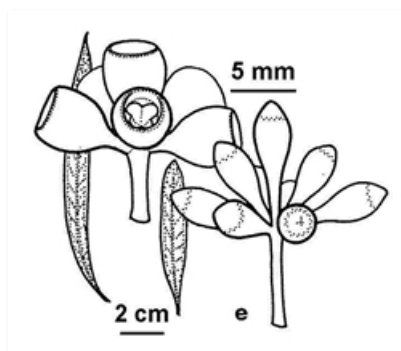


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Mallee. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, West Wyalong



Young plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, West Wyalong

Common name

Blue-leaved Mallee, Blue Mallee

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Mallee shrubland, rocky areas, and moist sites. West Wyalong district and west.

Notes

Mallee to 10 m tall. Bark wholly smooth, or rough on the lower 1–2 m of the branches. Rough bark fibrous-flaky ('box'), grey to grey-brown. Smooth bark shedding in short ribbons. Branchlets usually **glaucous** or rarely non-glaucous. **Juvenile** stems rounded or square in cross section, glaucous or non-glaucous. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 4–7 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 4–15 cm long, 2–16 mm wide, dull, grey to blue-grey or blue-green or glaucous. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 5–17 cm long, 4–20 mm wide, dull, grey, grey-green, blue-grey, bluish-green, or glaucous. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Mature flower buds 4–8 mm long, caps shorter than or as long as the base. Flower clusters 5–11-flowered, usually at the bases of the leaves, but sometimes forming **compound** clusters at the ends of the branchlets. Flowers autumn–spring. Gumnuts 3–5 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

Rare Vic.

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