

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Dried specimen of flower buds and leaves. Missouri Botanic Garden, unknown collector, date and place



Trees. Photographer Brooker & Kleinig

Common name

Grey gum

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. North from Bawley Point. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

Notes

Tree to 35 m tall. Bark smooth throughout, becoming granular with age, shedding in large plates or flakes. **Juvenile** stems rounded or square in cross section. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 3–5 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 5.5–11.5 cm long, 15–35 mm wide, glossy or dull, green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 6–18 cm long, 14–37 mm wide, glossy, green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. Flower clusters 7-flowered, in single clusters arising from the bases of the leaves, or forming **compound** clusters at the ends of the branchlets. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Mature flower buds 6–11 mm long, caps longer than the base. Flowers Summer–Autumn. Gumnuts 5–10 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have protruding **valves** or valves that are not very noticeable.

Hybrids are recorded with *Eucalyptus parramattensis* subsp. *parramattensis*.

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

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

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