

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, unknown place



Gumnuts. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, unknown place



Trunk with scribbles. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A McWhirter, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer C Green, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT

Common name

Inland scribbly gum, White gum, Scribbly gum

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and stony slopes. Western Slopes, ACT, tablelands, and ranges.

Notes

Tree to 20 m tall. Bark smooth, shedding in short ribbons, usually with scribbles, rarely **powdery**, with wrinkles under the armpits, especially in the ACT. **Juvenile** stems warty or smooth. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 6 to 8 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 7-14 cm long, 15-40 mm wide, stalkless at first, then with short stalks, dull, green to blue-green or grey-green. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 5.5-20 cm long, 8-25 mm wide, glossy or dull, green to blue-green or grey-green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 5- to about 15 flowered, in single clusters at the base of the leaves, occasionally forming **compound** clusters at the ends of the branchlets. Mature flower buds 3-5 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Outer row of **stamens** not producing pollen. Flowers Spring-Summer. Gumnuts 4-6 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

Hybridises with *Eucalyptus dives* and *Eucalyptus macrorhyncha* subsp. *macrorhyncha*.

The name *Eucalyptus racemosa* subsp. *rossii* as described in EUCLID is regarded as a synonym of *Eucalyptus rossii* by the Council of **Heads** of Australasian Herbaria (accessed 22 January, 2021).

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

EUCLID description (as *Eucalyptus racemosa* subsp. *rossii*): https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_racemosa_subsp_rossii.htm (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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