# **Plants of South Eastern New South Wales**



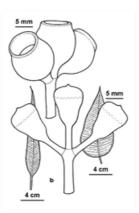
Painting from E Mnchin Flowers and Ferns of New South Wales (1897)



Bark. Australian Hant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, north of Batemans Bay



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, Photographer IG Halliday, Narooma



Line drawings (as *Eucalyptus maculata*). b. juvenile (right) and adult (left) leaves; buds and gumuts. KR Thiele, Australian National Herbarium, © 2021 Royal Botanic Cardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

### Common name

Spotted gum

### Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Forest. Mainly coastal. Naturalised in Vic beyond its native range in the Tara Range near Melbourne.

#### **Notes**

Tree to 60 m tall. Bark smooth throughout, **powdery**, sometimes becoming granular with age, shedding in small irregular flakes giving a spotted appearance. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section, rough for the first 6-8 **nodes**. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 2 or 3 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 7-23 cm long, 30-105 mm wide, green, rough for the first 6-8 nodes, leaves on the lower nodes **peltate**. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 8-21 cm long, 12-30 mm wide, slightly glossy or dull, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Mature flower buds 8-11 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Flower clusters 3 flowered, rarely 7-flowered, several clusters together forming **compound** clusters arising from the bases of the leaves. Flowers Autumn-Spring. Gumnuts 8-13 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Corymbia~maculata (accessed 19 April 2021)

EUCLID description: https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/corymbia\_maculata.htm (accessed 19 April 2021)

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