

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



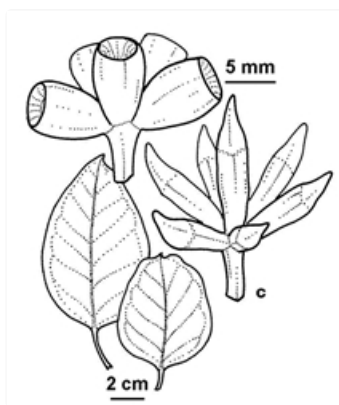
Gumnuts and leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles, South Gundagai cemetery



Trunks. Photographer Jackie Miles, South Gundagai cemetery



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



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

Common name

White box

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Woodland and grassy areas. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and tablelands. Blue Mountains.

Notes

Tree to 25 m high. Bark rough on most or all of the trunk and the base of the large branches, rarely extending to branches < 8 cm diameter, fibrous-flaky ('box'), often becoming **tessellated**, grey with whitish patches. Smooth bark of the branches shedding in short ribbons. Branchlets usually **glaucous**. **Juvenile** stems rounded or square in cross section, glaucous or non-glaucous. Leaves **alternating** up the stems. Juvenile leaves 5–10.5 cm long, 50–100 mm wide, blue-green, grey-green, blue-grey, or glaucous. **Adult** leaves 7–16.5 cm long, 17–55 mm wide, dull, blue-green, grey-green, blue-grey, or glaucous. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Individual flower clusters 7-flowered, forming large **compound** clusters at the ends of the branchlets, or single clusters at the bases of the leaves. Mature flower buds 8–18 mm long, caps as long the base. Flowering January to September. Gumnuts 5–10 mm in diameter, often slightly angled longitudinally. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

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~albens> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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

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