

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds and leaves on bark. Photographer Jackie Miles



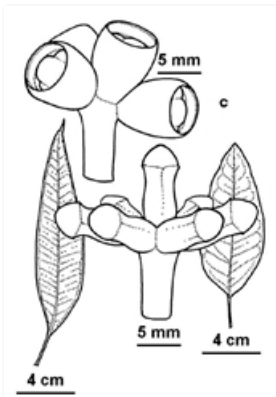
Gumnuts. Photographer Jackie Miles



Juvenile leaves. Photographer Jackie Miles



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, near Orbost, Vic



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

## Common name

Bangalay, Southern mahogany

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, alluvial flats, gullies, and coastal dunes. Coast, ranges, Southern Highlands, and the Sydney area. Planted elsewhere.

## Notes

Tree to 40 m tall. Bark on the trunk and larger branches rough, thick, fibrous, held in coarse plates or strips, often fissured, grey to brown or red-brown. Smooth bark shedding in short ribbons. **Juvenile** stems rounded or square in cross section. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for a few pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, 6.5-11.5 cm long, 24-58 mm wide, glossy, green, upper and lower

surfaces different colours. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 10-22 cm long, 20-70 mm wide, glossy, green, darker green above, paler below. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-11 flowered. Mature flower buds 7–14 mm long, caps shorter than the bases. Flowers Summer. Gumnuts 5-9 mm in diameter, often angled longitudinally. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

It intergrades with *Eucalyptus saligna*, which is mostly smooth-barked. Many populations in the area covered by this key (e.g. in Kangaroo Valley) cannot be assigned to either species.

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

EUCLID description: [https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus\\_botryoides.htm](https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_botryoides.htm) (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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