

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Paul Hadobas, between Bungendore and Braidwood



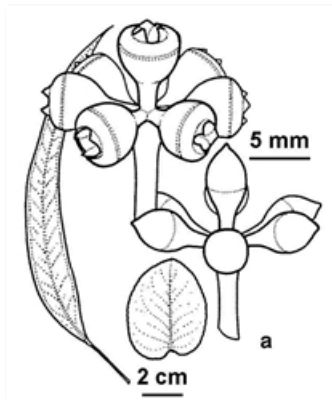
Gumnuts on bark. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Paul Hadobas, between Bungendore and Braidwood



Juvenile leaves on stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer A Cureton, Aranda, Canberra, ACT



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



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

## Common name

Apple box, Apple, Apple Gum, But But

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, and grassy woodland, often near streams. Western Slopes, Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and tablelands. Occasionally farther east.

## Notes

Tree to 25 m tall. Bark rough, fibrous, usually **tessellated** ('box'), on the trunk and larger branches, mottled grey and white. Smooth bark shedding in short ribbons. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section, warty or smooth., usually **glaucous**. Juvenile leaves stalkless, opposite each other for many pairs, then with short stalks and **alternating** up the stems, 2.5-10 cm long, 20-80 mm wide, glaucous. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 12-20 cm long, 15-25 mm wide, glossy, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 5-7 flowered. Mature flower buds 5-8 mm long, caps at least as long as the base. Flowers Summer-Autumn. Gumnuts 4-8 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have protruding **valves**.

Hybridises with *Eucalyptus cinerea* subsp. *triplex*.

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~bridgesiana> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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

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