

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



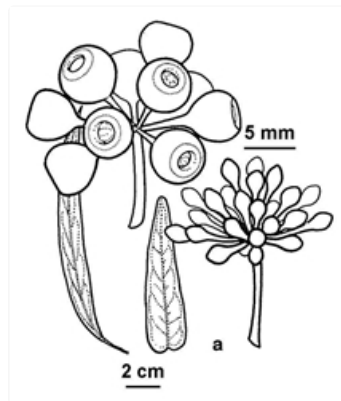
Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Juvenile leaves and trunk. Jackie Miles



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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

River peppermint, River white gum

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Forest** and **woodland**, usually on along streams and in gullies. Coast, ranges, and tablelands.

## Notes

Tree to 40 m tall, rarely a **mallee**. In trees bark rough on the lower trunk or sometimes on the full trunk. In mallees bark smooth throughout. Rough bark compacted, shortly fibrous, grey to black. Smooth bark shedding in long ribbons. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section, smooth or warty. Juvenile leaves opposite each other and stalkless for many pairs, bases often stem-clasping, 3.3-10.5 cm long, 6-16 mm wide, dull to glossy, green. **Adult** leaves **alternating** up the stems, 6-22 cm long, 6-20 mm wide, glossy, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 11-30+-flowered. Mature flower buds 2-5 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Flowers Winter-Summer. Gumnuts 3-6 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

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

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

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