

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers, gumnuts, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Mt Annan, near Campbelltown



Flowers, buds, leaves, and scribbles on trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT.



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

Common name

Scribbly gum

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Woodland. Coast and ranges north from Jervis Bay.

Notes

Tree to 15 m tall. Bark smooth, with prominent scribbles, shedding in short ribbons. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section, warty on the lower part of the stem. Juvenile leaves 7-15 cm long, 20-60 mm wide, opposite each other, stalkless or with short stalks, for 5-6 pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, stalked, dull, grey-green to blue-green. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 9-21 cm long, 15-40 mm wide, glossy to dull, green or grey-green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 9-15 flowered. Mature flower buds 4-8 mm long, caps shorter than the base. A few outer **stamens** not producing pollen. Flowers Winter-Spring. Gumnuts 6-11 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

Extensive intergradation occurs with *Eucalyptus racemosa*.

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

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

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