

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Branch with buds and flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer JR Connors, E of Warburton WA



Gumnuts on stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, unknown place



Trunk Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker and Kleinig, NW of Nyngan



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Yathong Nature Reserve W of Mount Hope

Common name

Gum coolibah, Inland red box, Smooth-barked coolibah, Western red box

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, and rocky areas. Western Slopes.

Notes

Tree to 30 m tall, rarely a **mallee**. Bark rough on the lower trunk, rarely over the whole trunk, thick, fibrous-flaky, often box-type. Bark smooth above, shedding in flakes or short ribbons. Branchlets sometimes **glaucous**. **Juvenile** stems round or square in cross section, usually smooth, sometimes glaucous. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 2 to 7 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 3–12 cm long, 10–35 mm wide, dull, grey-green to blue-green or glaucous. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 5–16 cm long, 7–25 mm wide, dull, blue-green or grey-green or almost glaucous. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 4-7 flowered, forming **compound** clusters at the ends of the stems, sometimes a few single flower clusters at the bases of the leaves. Mature flower buds 4-8 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Flowers most of the year. Gumnuts 4-8 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~intertexta> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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

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