Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

Common name
Brittle gum (all subspecies)

Mountain spotted gum (subsp. gullickii), Red spotted gum, (subsp. mannifera)

Family
Myrtaceae

Where found
subsp. *gullickii*: Near swampy areas. Ranges and tablelands north from Deua National Park.

subsp. *mannifera*: Dry forest and woodland. Widespread. No coastal records.


**Notes**

Tree to 25 m tall. Bark smooth, powdery, shedding in short ribbons or plates or flakes. Sometimes slabs of rough grey bark at the base of the trunk (subsp. *gullickii*, *praecox*). Branchlets sometimes glaucous (subsp. *praecox*). Juvenile stem rounded in cross section. Juvenile leaves 3-18 cm long, 4.5-60 mm wide, green to blue- or grey-green, or slightly glaucous. Adult leaves alternating up the stems, 5.5-18.5 cm long, 8-30 mm wide, glossy or dull, green to grey-green. Flowers white, with 0 petals. Mature flower buds 3–6 mm long, stalkless or stalked, caps shorter than or as long as the base. Flowers most of the year. Gumnuts 4-7 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have protruding valves or valves that are not very noticeable.

**subsp. *gullickii***: Juvenile leaves opposite each other for a few pairs then alternating up the stems, 3–9.5 cm long, 13-32 mm wide, dark green to grey-green. Adult leaves not drooping, 13–22 mm wide. Stalks of individual flowers thick. Flower buds green to yellow. Flower clusters 7 flowered.

**EUCLID description:**

**subsp. *mannifera***: Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 4-6 pairs then alternating up the stems, 4–10 cm long, 5-18 mm wide, more or less glaucous. Adult leaves 8–30 mm wide, drooping. Stalks of individual flowers slender. Flower buds green to yellow to red. Flower clusters 7 flowered.

Hybridises with *Eucalyptus melliodora*.

**EUCLID description:**

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

**PlantNET description (subsp. *gullickii* and *mannifera*):**

**subsp. *praecox***: Juvenile leaves opposite each other for many pairs, 4.5–8.5 cm long, 45-60 mm wide. Adult leaves 10–30 mm wide, drooping. Flower buds green to glaucous. Flower clusters 7-11 flowered.

**Eucalyptus lactea** in PlantNET.

**EUCLID description:**

**PlantNET description (as *Eucalyptus lactea*):**

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