

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



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



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



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

Common name

Tallowwood

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Roadsides and gardens. Sydney area west to the Blue Mountains and north.

Occurs naturally in wet **forest** and **rainforest** margins, on the North Coast of NSW and in Qld.

Notes

Introduced tree to 60 m tall. Bark rough on all but the smallest branches, softly stringy or fibrous, brown-grey to red-brown. **Juvenile** stems square or rounded in cross section. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 4 to 6 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 4–11 cm long, 15–50 mm wide, dull to glossy, green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 6–15 cm long, 15–35 mm wide, glossy, green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. Flowers white to lemon, with 0 **petals**. Mature flower buds 3–6 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Stamens arranged in four clusters, the outer **stamens** not producing pollen. Flower clusters 7–11 flowered, forming **compound** clusters at the ends of the branchlets, or often in single flower clusters or compound clusters at the bases of the leaves near the ends of the branchlets. Flowers winter to summer. Gumnuts 4–6 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have slightly protruding **valves** that are not very noticeable.

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

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

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