

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Gumnuts. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Leaves and gumnuts. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Trunk. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Tree. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic

## Common name

Swamp gum, Black gum

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Woodland** in permanently damp sites. Mainly tablelands.

## Notes

Tree to 30 m tall. Bark smooth throughout or rough to a variable height on the trunk. Rough bark loose, shortly fibrous, compacted, grey to grey-brown or grey-black. Smooth bark shedding in long broad ribbons, occasionally **powdery**. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for about 5-10 pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, 3-8.5 cm long, 25-60 mm wide, dull, green. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 6-18 cm long, 15-50 mm wide, glossy, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-flowered. Mature flower buds 5–11 mm long, caps as long as the base. Flowers Autumn-Spring. Gumnuts 4-8 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have protruding **valves** or valves that are not very noticeable.

*Eucalyptus ovata* in PlantNET.

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

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

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