

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower buds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig



Gumnuts. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig



Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, Garrubul State Forest, Qld



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

Common name

White-topped box, Coast white box, Coastal white box

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Tall wet **forest**. North from Nowra. Coast and Southern Highlands north from Nowra. Ranges north from Ulladulla.

Notes

Tree to 50 m tall. Bark rough on all but the smallest branches or rough on the trunk and branches. Rough bark fibrous-flaky, ('box'), grey, often with whitish patches. Smooth bark above shedding in long ribbons. **Juvenile** stems square in cross section and **winged**, non-**glaucous**. Juvenile leaves opposite each other until the sapling stage, usually stem-clasping, 7-15 cm long, 13-35 mm wide, dull, green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. **Adult** leaves **alternating** up the stems, 10.5-20 cm long, 10-22 mm wide, dull to glossy, green, margins toothed. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-flowered. Mature flower buds 4–8 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Flowers Summer-Autumn. Gumnuts 4-6 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have protruding **valves** or valves that are not very noticeable.

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

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

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