

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



Scribbles on bark. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Fitzroy Falls, Morton National Park



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers Brooker & Kleinig, Putty Road west of Sydney

Common name

Scribbly gum, Narrow-leaved Scribbly Gum, Snappy Gum, Hard-leaved Scribbly Gum

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Dry **forest** and **woodland**. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, north of Batemans Bay.

Notes

Tree to 20 m tall, rarely a **mallee**. Bark smooth throughout, with scribbles, shedding in short ribbons, often **powdery**. **Juvenile** leaves opposite each other for 3 to 6 pairs, then **alternating** up the stems, 5-17 cm long, 25-85 mm wide, dull, blue-green or grey-green to green. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 5-20 cm long, 10-40 mm wide, glossy to dull, grey-green to green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-15 flowered, usually at the bases of the leaves, but occasionally forming large **compound** clusters at the ends of the branchlets. Mature flower buds 3-6 mm long, caps shorter than the base. A few outer **stamens** not producing pollen. Flowers most of the year. Gumnuts 4-7 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

Extensive intergradation occurs with *Eucalyptus haemastoma*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswf&lvl=sp&name=Eucalyptus-racemosa> (accessed 20 April 2021).

Eucalyptus racemosa subsp. *racemosa* in EUCLID.

EUCLID description (as *Eucalyptus racemosa* subsp. *racemosa*):

https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_racemosa_subsp_racemosa.htm (accessed 20 April 2021)

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