

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower, buds, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, north of Mbruya



Gumnuts. Photographers Forest & Kim Starr, Hawaii, USA



Trunk. 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

Swamp mahogany, Swamp messmate

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Heath** and low swampy sites. Coastal north of Bermagui. Sydney area away from the coast.

## Notes

Tree to 30 m tall. Bark rough on all but the smallest branches, shortly fibrous, soft, thick, spongy, grey to brown or reddish brown. **Juvenile** stems square in cross section, sometimes **winged**. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 5 to 7 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 6-19 cm long, 25-80 mm wide, dull to glossy, green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 8.5-17 cm long, 25-70 mm wide, glossy, green, upper and lower surfaces different colours. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-15 flowered. Mature flower buds 16-24 mm long, caps as long as the base. Flowers Autumn-Spring. Gumnuts 6-11 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable, remaining joined at the tips.

Hybrids with *Eucalyptus tereticornis* subsp. *tereticornis* are not uncommon where they occur in close proximity.

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

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

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