

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



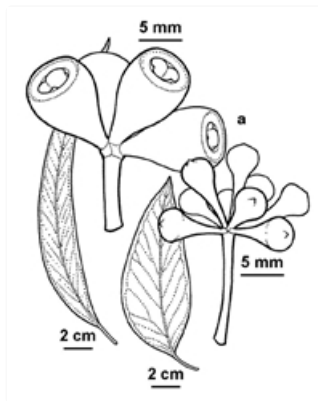
Flower buds. Photographer Tony Rodd, Royal National Park south of Sydney



Juvenile foliage. Photographer Jackie Miles



Tree. Photographer Tony Rodd, Jenolan Caves



Line drawings. a. juvenile (right) and adult (left) leaves; buds and gumnuts. KR Thiele, Australian National Herbarium, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Silvertop ash, Black ash, Coast ash, Ironbark

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Forest. Coast, ranges, tablelands, and ACT.

Notes

Tree to 45 m tall. Bark rough on the trunk and bases of larger branches. Rough bark on the trunks of younger trees thin, flaky, shortly fibrous, orange-brown. On old trees the rough bark is thick, compacted, longitudinally furrowed, dark grey to black. Smooth bark of the upper branches sometimes **powdery**, shedding in long ribbons. Branchlets sometimes **glaucous**. **Juvenile** stems rounded in cross section, glaucous. Juvenile leaves stalkless and opposite each other for a few pairs, then becoming stalked and **alternating** up the stems, 6-17 cm long, 16-75 mm wide, dull, blue-green, grey-green, or blue-grey, to glaucous. **Adult** leaves 8.5-19.5 cm long, 12-38 mm wide, glossy, green to olive-green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-15 flowered. Mature flower buds 3-7 mm long, caps shorter than the base. Outer ring of **stamens** not producing pollen. Flowers winter-summer. Gumnuts 6-9 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

Hybridises with *Eucalyptus burgessiana* on the coast north from Jervis Bay.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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

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