

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Gumnuts and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Michael Crisp, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Mallees. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Morton National Park

## Common name

Ettrema mallee

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

Usually among low shrubby **heath** in swampy areas. Coast, ranges, and tablelands, Milton north to Nowra and west to Nerriga. Mainly in Morton National Park.

## Notes

**Mallee** to 5 m tall. Bark smooth throughout, shedding in ribbons. Branchlets often **glaucous**. **Juvenile** stems glaucous, slightly warty. Juvenile leaves 5-7.5 cm long, 30-75 mm wide, stalkless and opposite each other for many pairs, the lowest leaves joined together round the stem, later leaves stem-clasping, dull, grey-green to green, or glaucous. Juvenile leaves may persist in the **crowns** or **adult** leaves may develop. Adult leaves opposite each other or **alternating** up the stems, 5-12 cm long, 7-15 mm wide, stalkless or with short stalks, glossy and green to grey-green, or glaucous. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7-flowered. Mature flower buds 5-7 mm long, stalkless or stalked, caps shorter than the base. The inner layer of the caps breaks through the top of the outer layer as the bud matures. This is visible to the naked eye. Flowers sporadically. Gumnuts 4-7 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have **valves** that are not very noticeable.

Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10318> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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

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

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