

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leaves and flower buds. Photographer Don Wood, Carnarvon Station Bush Heritage Reserve via Augathella, Qld



Gumnuts. Photographers Forest and Kim Starr, Hawaii.



Juvenile foliage and bark. Photographer Jackie Miles



Tree. Photographer Jackie Miles

## Common name

Forest red gum, Blue gum, Red iron gum

## Family

Myrtaceae

## Where found

**Forest** to grassy **woodland**. Coast and ranges north from Eden.

subsp. *basaltica*: mainly north from the Sydney area. Sparadically as far south as Cobargo.

subsp. *tereticornis*: north from Eden.

## Notes

Tree to 50 m tall. Bark smooth throughout, sometimes with grey flakes of rough bark at the base of large trunks. Smooth bark shedding in large plates or flakes. **Juvenile** stems usually square in cross section and prominently **winged**. Juvenile leaves opposite each other for 5–8 pairs then **alternating** up the stems, 6–13 cm long, 30–80 mm wide, glossy or dull, blue-green or green. **Adult** leaves alternating up the stems, 8–22 cm long, 10–35 mm wide, glossy or dull, green. Flowers white, with 0 **petals**. Flower clusters 7–11 flowered. Mature flower buds 9–20 mm long, caps much longer than the base. Flowers most of the year. Gumnuts 4–8 mm in diameter. Gumnuts that have dropped their seed have strongly protruding **valves**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Eucalyptus~tereticornis> (accessed 1 May 2021)

PlantNET has not yet included a key to subspecies.

**subsp. basaltica**: egg-shaped flower buds with a conical cap not dilated at its base and only 2–3 times the length of the base

**subsp. tereticornis**: horn-shaped flower bud caps dilated at its base; cap 4–7 times length of base

Hybrids with *Eucalyptus robusta* are not uncommon where they occur in close proximity. Intergrades with *Eucalyptus blakelyi*.

EUCLID description:

[https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus\\_tereticornis\\_subsp.\\_tereticornis.htm](https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/entities/eucalyptus_tereticornis_subsp._tereticornis.htm) (accessed 1 May 2021)

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