

# *Corymbia tessellaris* (F.Muell.) K.D.Hill & L.A.S.Johnson

Family:  
**Myrtaceae**

Hill, K.D. & Johnson, L.A.S. (1995) *Telopia* 6: 402.

Common name:  
Moreton Bay Ash; Carbeen Bloodwood; Ash, Moreton Bay; Carbeen

## Stem

Bark on the lower trunk flaky or tessellated but smooth and white or grey on the upper trunk and branches, the junction of the two bark types being very distinct and the transition very abrupt. Dead bark layered.

## Leaves

Leaf blades about 6.5-18 x 0.8-2.9 cm, about 5-15 times as long as wide. Lateral veins about 40-70 pairs. Intramarginal vein close to the margin.

## Flowers

Peduncles slightly angled to terete. Individual flowers pedicellate. Operculum patelliform, about 3-5 mm diam., much shorter than the calyx tube (hypanthium). Outer operculum shed early, well before the mature bud stage.

## Fruit

Fruits pedicellate, truncate-ovate to almost urceolate, not very woody, about 8-12 x 6-10 mm. Valves 3-4, included. Disk inconspicuous. Seeds with a rudimentary marginal wing.

## Seedlings

Cotyledons reniform. Oil dots small, numerous, visible with a lens. At the tenth leaf stage: leaf blade elliptic; oil dots sparse, more numerous about the margin and towards the apex of the leaf blade. Lignotuber present. Seed germination time 5 to 9 days.

## Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in CYP, NEQ, CEQ and southwards to northern New South Wales. Altitudinal range in CYP and NEQ from sea level to 750 m. Grows in open forest, dry sclerophyll forest, beach forest and on rain forest margins. Also occurs in New Guinea.

## Natural History & Notes

A widespread tree often planted as a street tree and in parks and gardens. Its trunk is smooth with a short dark and strongly tessellated stocking.

## Synonyms

**Eucalyptus tessellaris** F.Muell., *J. Proc. Linn. Soc., Bot.* 3: 88(1859), Type: Qld, Between Gilbert R. & Carron R., 1857, F. Mueller; hol: MEL, iso: BM, K.

## RFK Code

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