

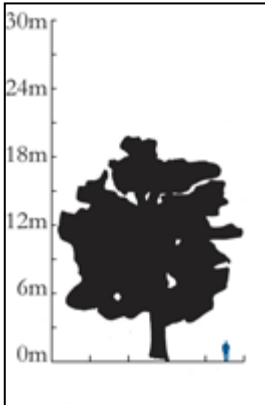
FACT SHEET

EUCALYPTUS POLYANTHEMOS | 'RED BOX'



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- Origin:** Extremely wide native range, extending from the tablelands of NSW to southern Victoria.
- Habit:** Small to medium sized, somewhat crooked, native, evergreen tree. 10-15 metres in height in 25 years.
- Description:** Rounded, broad grey-green leaves. Bark is grey and finely tessellated, often persistent to small branches. Buds are in 3-7s with creamy white flowers opening from September to January. Moderate to fast growth rate with sufficient irrigation and long lived.
- Tolerances:** Tolerates a range of soil types; high drought and frost tolerance; and moderate salt and water logging tolerance. It is a tree that will tolerate most of Victoria's difficult sites as long as it has free drainage—in fact, it will grow well on very dry, stony soils.
- Notes:** Fast growing when young though moderate once established, it is one of the more distinctive Eucalypts having attractive rounded grey-green foliage and massed clusters of small flowers.

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