

FACT SHEET

EUCALYPTUS LEUCOXYLON | 'YELLOW GUM'



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- Origin:** Western Victoria, Brisbane Ranges and coastal South Australia.
- Habit:** Medium evergreen tree. Typically a compact crown, though variation occurs. Moderate growth rate, mature dimensions can reach 10-15m high x 7-10m wide. Over a 30 year period. Sub species and cultivars available with varying sizes and habits.
- Description:** Leaves a dull green to grey-green, concolorous, ovate to broad-lanceolate. Basal bark rough and persistent. Upper limbs decorticate leaving a smooth, mottled white, yellow and bluish colour. White, pink or red flowers appear from May to September.
- Tolerances:** An adaptable species that grows in a wide range of conditions and soil types.
- Notes:** Makes an attractive specimen tree for large sites. Native birds utilise tree as a food source. Requires formative pruning. *E.leucoxylon* subsp. *Megalocarpa* is the preferred subspecies, which grows to a height of 7m and typically has pink flowers and large fruit. *Eucalyptus leucoxylon* 'Eukie Dwarf' is dwarf in nature, growing to a maximum of 7m, and has more chalky bark than ssp. *Megalocarpa*.
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