

Sugar Gum

Eucalyptus cladocalyx



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Description

Typical height:
6-8 metres ('Nana')
10-15 metres (other subsp.)

Typical width:
7-12 metres ('Nana')
10-15 metres (other subsp.)

Growth rate: Fast

Typical form:
Ascending branches, open crown terminally weighted. Taller subspecies are wide branching (subsp. *crassa*), or erect (subsp. *petila*). 'Nana' is much shorter, more spreading and rounded.

Origin

South Australia, three locations: South Flinders Ranges (subsp. *petila*), Kangaroo Island (subsp. *crassa*), Eyre Peninsula (subsp. *cladocalyx* or 'Nana')

Characteristics

Small ('Nana') to large (other subsp.) evergreen tree. Glossy leaves with pale underside. Smooth bark shed in irregular patches, mottled grey to cream to orange, occasionally pink. Barrel-shaped fruit with faint ribs, more obvious when dry.

Tolerances

Very drought tolerant

Facts and Trivia

The common name refers to the apparently sweet flavour of the juvenile leaves.

Sugar Gums are widely planted as windbreaks and for wood in Vic and grow back readily when coppiced.