

Red Box

Eucalyptus polyanthemos



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Description

Typical height:
10-14 metres

Typical width:
6-14 metres

Growth rate:
Moderate to slow

Typical form:
Rounded

Origin

Subsp. *polyanthemos* occurs widely on the Central and Southern Tablelands of New South Wales; Subsp. *vestita* is widespread in central and eastern Victoria with some extension into New South Wales.

Characteristics

Blue-grey, rounded foliage, contrasts with red stems (petioles). Rough, fibrous bark. Cream flowers in spring

Tolerances

Tolerant of protracted drought. Tolerant of frost. Not tolerant of waterlogging or salinity.

Facts and Trivia

Foliage used in floristry, particularly in America and France.

Important species for honey production.

Hard, strong and durable timber. Potentially, moderately termite resistant.

Leaves produce range of dyes depending on mordants used. Leaves high in cineole, useful in medicine.