

Coral Gum

Eucalyptus torquata



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Description

Typical height:
4-6 metres

Typical width:
4-6 metres

Growth rate:
Moderate

Typical form:
Flat-topped to rounded dense
canopy on solitary trunk.

Origin

Localised to the central and southern goldfields of inland south-west Western Australia, from Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie south to Norseman.

Characteristics

Small evergreen tree. Persistent rough grey-black bark on trunk grading to smooth grey-brown bark on upper branches. Distinctive orange-pink flowers with strongly beaked cap and basal ribs, most prolific in late spring/early summer. Fruits are cylinder-shaped, also with prominent basal ribs.

Tolerances

High tolerance of drought. Poor tolerance of shade, humidity and high soil moisture.

Facts and Trivia

Torquate is from Latin, torquatus, having a twisted collar or ring, referring to the corrugated structure of the base of the flower buds and fruit.

An attractive but highly variable hybrid of *E. torquata* and *E. woodwardii* (Lemon-flowered Gum) is sold as *E. × 'Torwood'*, which retains some of the distinctive ribs on the fruit and yellow-to-orange flowers and has a less compact canopy.