Smooth-barked Apple Angophora costata



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Origin

Southern Queensland forests and in predominately coastal NSW areas.

Characteristics

Large evergreen tree. Shortly fibrous, grey to brown bark persistent to small branches. Opposite, lanceolate leaves; sessile. Terminal peduncle of white-cream flowers.

A popular Australian native tree that has excellent ornamental characteristic. The smooth, red orange to salmon pink bark provides a feature for any streetscape or as a feature tree.

Tolerances

Does not tolerate waterlogged conditions. High drought tolerance. Frost sensitive when young.

Few pest and disease problems associated with this species.

Facts and Trivia

The genus Angophora is closely related to Corymbia and Eucalyptus (family Myrtaceae) but differs in that the leaves are usually opposite, rather than alternate, and the flower buds are covered by overlapping, pointed calyx lobes instead of the operculum or lid on the flower buds of eucalypts (ANBG, 1978).

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Description

Typical height: 10 – 12 metres

Typical width: 12-14metres

Growth rate: Fast

Typical form: Large, spreading to broad-domed tree.

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