

Lemon-scented Gum

Corymbia citriodora



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Description

Typical height:
15-20 metres

Typical width:
10-15 metres

Growth rate:
Fast

Typical form:
Large evergreen tree. Variable
in form though usually broad
domed.

Origin

Queensland, from coast to tablelands, north of Maryborough.

Characteristics

Leaves narrow lanceolate, fresh green, concolourous. Distinctive citrus scent when crushed. Bark smooth, and can vary grey to pale grey, light pink or beige rarely white in Victoria. It sheds bark in thin curly flakes in spring through to early summer. Flowers white in large terminal corymbs, appearing December through January.

Tolerances

Moderate drought and waterlogging tolerance. Susceptible to foliar and sap sucking insects.

Facts and Trivia

Of economic importance in terms of structural timber and honey production. Its volatile oil is an important commodity for cosmetics, medicines, and insect repellents.

Two of the more famous specimens in Melbourne are growing in the large round-about on Cemetery Road in Carlton.