

White Box

Eucalyptus albens



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Description

Typical height:
12-16 metres

Typical width:
10-14 metres

Growth rate:
Moderate

Typical form:
Large, spreading, rounded,
open canopy.

Facts and Trivia

Hard, durable wood. A good honey tree. Related to the Grey Box (*E. microcarpa*) which it shares its range within central Victoria. Possible intergrading with smaller, green leaves observed in *E. albens* in this area.

E. albens was observed to have minimal fluctuation in transpiration and water use over wet and dry periods in a natural forested valley habitat, suggesting a genetic capacity to develop a deep-structured root system adapted to extracting water from deep reserves during dry periods, rather than relying primarily on surface water.

Origin

Widespread through inland south-eastern Australia from southern Queensland to central-northern Victoria, west of Great Dividing Range.

Characteristics

Medium-sized evergreen tree distinguished by patchy white-grey box-type bark, powdery white bloom on long flower buds, and broad, blue-grey leaves. Buds and fruit almost stalkless; valves on barrel-shaped fruit deeply sunken below the rim.

Tolerances

High drought and waterlogging tolerance.
Urban landscape.