Fuchsia Gum
Eucalyptus forrestiana (very similar to E. dolichorhyncha)

**Description**
- Typical height: 4-6 metres
- Typical width: 3-4 metres
- Growth rate: Fast
- Typical form: Single or multi-stemmed.
  Narrow, inverted-cone crown becomes rounded with age.

**Characteristics**
- Small evergreen tree/mallet/shrub. Smooth bark ranges from grey to orange, seasonally sheds in ribbons. Pendulous, four-winged, bright red flower buds typically appear in summer, with long, needle-like bud caps revealing yellow stamens. Barrel-shaped fruit turns yellow/orange, retaining wings from buds.

**Tolerances**
- High tolerance of heat and drought.

**Facts and Trivia**
- Previously known as E. forrestiana subsp. dolichorhyncha, now treated as its own species, still frequently sold as E. forrestiana.
- E. forrestiana proper can be distinguished by its shorter, nub-like bud caps and heavier crown due to larger leaves, buds, and fruit, but is otherwise very similar in appearance and use, although less popular. Hybrids of E. forrestiana and E. dolichorhyncha are also commonly grown.
- Two other close relations with similarly short stature and bright red buds are E. stoatei (Scarlet Pear Gum), which has multi-ribbed rather than winged buds, and E. tetraptera (Square-fruited Mallee), which has much larger buds/fruit and pink stamens.

**Origin**
Small area of Esperance Plains in south-western WA.