

SPECIES

Eucalyptus propinqua

COMMON NAME

Grey gum, Small-fruited grey gum

ORIGIN

Native in Wyong in New South Wales northwards into Queensland

DESIGN USE

Ornamental plantings, shade tree



HEIGHT

50m

SPREAD

8m

HABIT

Tall tree with a straight trunk and smooth grey bark which sheds to reveal beautiful orange new bark.

FORM

Typically good, with a straight trunk which may be 1/2 to 2/3 of the tree height, while the crown is open and moderately small.

FLOWERS

Flowers are inflorescences, simple, axillary, 7 to more than 11 flowered, white, or cream.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Late summer

FRUIT

On angular pedicels about 2 lines long, hemispherical, small, occasionally slightly ribbed, very uniform in size; rim thick; valves exserted; about 2 1/2 lines broad by 1 1/2 lines deep.

VARIATIONS



BARK / TRUNK

The timber is very hard and heavy. Used for poles, piles, sleepers, heavy engineering construction, marine construction, flooring, and decking.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

In tropical and subtropical regions be found at elevations between sea level and 1500 m. The tree is usually found on lowlands and low hills and ridges of undulating to hilly country mostly within 100 km of the sea, preferring slopes to valley floors. It is drought and frost resistant.

HORTICULTURE

It prefers light to medium, well-drained soils in an open, sunny position.

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