

# Fuchsia Gum

*Eucalyptus forrestiana* (very similar to *E. dolichorhyncha*)



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## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

**Suitable for use under powerlines:**

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