

# Yellow Gum

## *Eucalyptus leucoxylon*



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### Description

Typical height:  
10-12 metres

Typical width:  
7-10 metres

Growth rate:  
Fast

Typical form:  
Rounded

### Facts and Trivia

Produces large volume of flowers in winter and spring, which attracts native birds and bees. Produces a high-quality honey.

Known as 'Yellow Gum' in Victoria but 'Blue Gum' in South Australia.

*E. leucoxylon* subsp. *connata* is subspecies of Yellow Gum indigenous to Melbourne. Classified as vulnerable due to urban sprawl and use for timber and fuel, but was widespread pre-European settlement. Existing populations can be seen in Brisbane Ranges, Long Forest (Bacchus Marsh) and Studley Park at Kew.

### Origin

Open forest and woodland in western Victoria, South Australia and south-western NSW.

### Characteristics

Medium to large evergreen tree. The bark is retained on the lower trunk tending to smooth-barked and cream to grey in the upper trunk and branches. Dense canopy of dark green lanceolate leaves. Cream, pink to red flowers.

### Tolerances

Moderate to high tolerance of drought. Tolerant of temporary inundation.