

Botanical Name: Corymbia ficifolia (Eucalyptus ficifolia)

Common Name: Red flowering gum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked tree with a dense rounded canopy
that becomes somewhat umbrella-shaped with age; the plant may be somewhat
shrublike if unpruned; bark is dark brown, furrowed, rough

Height 20'-40' (60') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil well-draining essential - avoid heavy wet soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 22-24); prefers mild coastal habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-lanceolate; 3"-7" long, leathery,
dark green above and paler beneath; lateral veins conspicuous

Flowers pink-red or salmon-colored, showy, with conspicuous stamens
in panicles; mostly in summer

Fruit an urn-shaped capsule, 1/2" - 1 1/2" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: a very distinctive accent tree, valued for its heavy
flower display and dense round form; used as a small shade tree or large
background mass

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; avoid excessive watering,
particularly in clay soils

Fertilizing balanced in spring; add iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning very little required, unless access under tree is needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free; leaves will show salt burn in wet soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae