

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus cineria

Common Name: Mealy stringybark, Argyle apple

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a very irregular, mostly single-trunked tree, forming a loose, sprawling canopy unless pruned; variable leaf forms present on a single plant; bark is ribbon-like

Height 15-30' Spread 2/3-equal Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial

Soil well-draining, avoid wet heavy soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); prefers mild coastal climate

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, sessile (stem appears to grow through young leaves); broadly oval (young) to ovate (mature); silver gray, mucronate

Flowers creamy white, 1/2" diameter, with many stamens; in clusters of 3, mostly axillary; fall-spring

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

Propagation: seed

Usage: a small accent tree, valued for its unusual foliage and interesting form; a good source of branches for flower arrangements; tub plant

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional soak preferred; avoid excess watering

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning develop an open scaffold branch for picturesque effect

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae