

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus polyanthemos

Common Name: Silver dollar gum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, single or multi-trunked tree with ascending and spreading branches forming a loose oval-rounded canopy which becomes more irregular with age

Height 20'-40' (60') Spread 1/2-2/3 Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial sun at inland sites

Soil well-draining, drier habitats

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); grows best in warm coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, round to broadly oval; 2"-4" long, bluish gray-green, leathery

Flowers creamy white, many stamened, in axillary or terminal umbels; has 6-8 flowers in each umbel; spring and early summer

Fruit a capsule; small, 1/4", top-shaped, woody when ripe

Propagation: seed

Usage: a very widely used accent tree valued for its loose open form and picturesque round leaves; suitable as a street tree or for slope plantings; avoid using around lawns or other wet areas unless good drainage

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soaking is preferred; the plant is quite drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing as needed; may become chlorotic in wet clay soils

Pruning keep the canopy open by occasional thinning

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australis Family: Myrtaceae