

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus globulus

Common Name: Blue Gum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree, forming a very tall, massive oval or rounded canopy; shape becomes more open and irregular with age; bark peels off in long shaggy strips

Height 60-120' (200') Spread 1/4-1/2" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial

Soil tolerates most; thrives in deep loam soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24); tolerates wind and heat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite (juvenile) to alternate (mature); ovate (juvenile) to falcate (mature), 2-5" long; silvery (juvenile) to green (mature)

Flowers creamy white, large, many stamened, 1-1 1/2" diameter; mostly in spring

Fruit a capsule; large angular, woody, silver grey

Propagation: seed

Usage: a very fast-growing windbreak tree, tall background grove or skyline tree; is much too large for residential use; messy

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; tree becomes drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing none required after established

Pruning stake and head high when young; can be headed back

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae