

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus sideroxylon 'Rosea'

Common Name: Red ironbark, Pink ironbark

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked tree which is variable in form but usually has a loose open canopy with pendulous outer branches; develops a deeply furrowed red-brown bark (may become almost black)

Height 20-50' Spread 1/2-2/3 Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers loose, well-draining soils; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); prefers warm sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, lanceolate to slightly falcate; 2-6" long, gray-green, leathery, aromatic when crushed

Flowers pink, with numerous stamens, 3/4-1" across; in axillary clusters (umbels) of 5-6 flowers; winter-spring

Fruit a small top-shaped capsule, 1/8" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: an attractive large background vertical accent or screen, valued for its rustic appearance and durability in hot dry locations; street tree, hillside plantings, large background silhouette

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; becomes very drought-tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is needed; check for chlorosis

Pruning head high when young, thin occasionally

Pests/Diseases relatively free; gummosis in poorly-drained clay soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae