

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus citriodora

Common Name: Lemon-scented gum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a tall, erect, slender, single-trunked tree, which forms a loose, irregular, open canopy; smooth pinkish-white bark peels off in patches; the lower branches drop off as the tree canopy grows in height

Height 50'-70' (100') Spread 1/4 - 1/3 Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil sandy loam preferred; tolerates most except alkaline

Hardiness some frost (only to 24 F), zones 8-24: thrives on coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, lanceolate-falcate; 3"-7" long, narrow, yellow-green; lemon-scented, on reddish branches

Flowers whitish, inconspicuous, many-stamened, in stalked umbels; winter or summer

Fruit a capsule; woody, urn-shaped, 1/4" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: a tall vertical accent valued for its white trunk and loose, open canopy; use in groves or as silhouette; safe to grow near walls (deep-rooted), lawn tree; suitable for informal & subtropical landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates both heavy watering and occasional drought

Fertilizing no special requirements; may need iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning stake and head high when young

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae