

Botanical Name: Eucalyptus rudis

Common Name: Desert gum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked plant, with a rather loose, open, oval, spreading canopy; smaller branches somewhat pendulous; develops a rough, gray, persistent bark; is a vigorous grower

Height 30'-60' (80') Spread 1/2 - 3/4 Growth Rate very rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; likes heat

Soil most soils, including saline habitats

Hardiness hardy to 15F (zones 8-24): thrives in hot inland

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, broadly lanceolate-ovate, sometimes curved; 3"-6" long, 1"-2 1/4" wide; dull green with petioles 1/2"-1" long

Flowers whitish, several together in stalked umbels, with numerous stamens; spring

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

Propagation: seed

Usage: a large shade tree, street tree, or windbreak tree; best suited for large-scale informal landscapes; is sometimes used in hydro-seed mixes to spray on slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional soak; plant is very drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is needed

Pruning little is necessary; stake and head high when young

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae