PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Eucalyptus globulus Labill.

GENUS *Eucalyptus* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue gum, Tasmanian blue gum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Oil, Flavouring

An essential oil distilled from the fresh or dried leaves. It is used to flavour candies, baked goods, ice cream and baked goods.
Caution: Eucalyptus oil is poisonous.
The fruit (seeds?) are used for a drink in Spain.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading tree. It grows 15-50 m high. It spreads 10-25 m wide The bark is smooth and light yellow or grey. It sheds in strips. The inner bark is light green or brown. The young stems are square and the young leaves clasp the stems. They are oval and 15 cm long. The adult leaves are sickle shaped leaves 10-30 cm long. The flowers occur singly and are white to cream.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. Arboretum Tasmania.

PICTURES



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