PLANT FACT SHEET

Corymbia citriodora (Hook.) K. D. Hill & L. A. S. Johnson

GENUS *Corymbia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Lemon-scented gum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Manna, Leaves - flavouring

A sweet manna-like gum on the leaves is eaten.
Caution: Eucalyptus oil is poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A slender tree. It grows 25-50 m tall and spreads 25 m wide. The bark is powdery and grey and peels off. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and rough and green. The young leaves are more broad. The leaves have a lemon scent. The flowers are in clusters and are creamy white. They are 2 cm across.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It needs a temperature above 5-7°C. It grows on dry plateaus. Arboretum Tasmania.

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