



PLANT FACT SHEET

Eucalyptus camaldulensis Dehnh.

GENUS *Eucalyptus* FAMILY Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES River red gum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Exudate, flower - nectar

The seeds have been reported to have been eaten.

A white sugary scale insect secretion on the leaves is eaten, in Australia.

Grubs in the trunks and branches are also eaten. A lerp scale (*Psylla eucalypti*) is eaten in Australia.

DESCRIPTION

A graceful tree 10-20 m high. It can be 45 m tall. It spreads 15-35 m wide. The bark is grey and white. The small branches hang down. The leaves are smooth, narrow and sword shaped. They are 10-25 cm long by 1-3.5 cm wide. They are grey-green. They have a long pointed tip. The fruit are small cup shaped woody capsules. They are 0.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate regions but can also grow in the tropics. It can grow in arid or semiarid locations. It grows along the banks of rivers. It can stand heavy frosts. It needs well drained soils but they can be wet or dry. It can tolerate salty soil. It can grow in arid places. In Melbourne Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 9-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly.

NOTES

There are at least 500 *Eucalyptus* species mostly originally in Australia.

PICTURES



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