PLANT FACT SHEET

Eucalyptus oleosa F. Muell. ex Miq.

GENUS *Eucalyptus* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant Mallee, Great Mallee, Red Mallee

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots - water, Lerp

Water drained from the roots is good for drinking.

DESCRIPTION

A medium to tall tree. It grows 5-12 m high. It spreads 4-8 m wide. The bark is rough lower down and smooth higher up. It has many stems. The bark is usually grey and smooth but can be rough on the trunk. The leaves are narrow and glossy. They are blue-green. The flowers are pale yellow-green. The fruit are smooth and round with a narrow rim. The valves have needle like points.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate regions. It suits arid and semiarid locations. It needs well drained soil and can grow in full sun or light shade. It can stand light frosts. It grows in areas with a rainfall between 200-450 mm. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

NOTES

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

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