PLANT FACT SHEET

Corymbia ptychocarpa (F. Muell) K.D. Hill & L.A.S. Johnson

GENUS *Corymbia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Swamp Bloodwood, Spring Bloodwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Gall

The seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows to 8-15 m tall. It spreads 3-10 m wide. The bark is rough. The young branches droop. The leaves are large and leathery. The blade is 10-30 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. The midrib is prominent. The young leaves are much larger. The flowers are large and white or pink. They are in groups of 3-7 on short thick stalks. The occur at the ends of branches. The fruit is a thick barrel-shaped woody capsule. It is 3.5-4 cm long by 2.5-3 cm wide. Sometimes the fruit has ribs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to NE Australia. It grows in warm temperate regions but can grow in the tropics and subtropics. It needs well drained soils. It is associated with permanent freshwater springs. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It suits hardiness zones 11-12. Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens. In Townsville palmetum.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed.

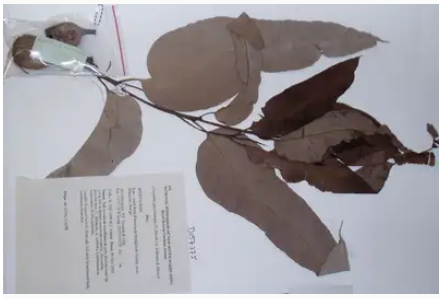
NOTES

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

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