

plant type

- native trees and shrubs

water hardiness



Eucalyptus mannifera

brittle gum

A medium sized tree growing to 20m. The bark is smooth to ground level and powdery white mottled with grey. It turns shades of pink, red or orange in late spring or summer and sheds in short ribbons. Grey-green lance-shaped leaves and small white flowers.



top ten

bird attracting

project type

urban and commercial residential

soil type and drainage

light - sandy soils
medium - loamy soils
heavy - clay soils
good drainage

origin	NSW, ACT, Vic.
cultural notes	Found naturally in poorer, well drained soils. This species prefers an open sunny position.
maintenance	As the common name brittle gum suggests, the wood is quite brittle and this species will occasionally drop branches. Responds well to coppicing.
tolerates	Tolerant of frost, drought and poor soils.
flowering season	Summer and Autumn although flowering season can differ depending on the climate.
flower colour	Clusters of small white flowers from green club-shaped buds. The fruit are dark brown, three valved capsules.
foliage colour	Grey-green lanceolate leaves, prominently veined, to 12cm in length.
width	up to 5m
height	up to 20m
plant spacing	300cm apart
recommended uses	A handsome tree with an attractive white trunk. Medium sized, it is suitable for many gardens or as a street tree. Care must be taken as to its placement due to its tendency to drop branches unpredictably. Bee attractant.

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