

plant type

- native trees and shrubs

water hardiness



Eucalyptus polyanthemus

red box

A medium sized, often spreading tree to 25m in height. Rough fibrous grey to brown bark may or may not be shed annually to reveal smooth bark beneath. Foliage is slate-green to blue-grey and white flowers are produced in spring and summer.



top ten

bird attracting
butterfly attracting

origin NSW, ACT, Vic.
cultural notes Requires well drained soils in full sun or part shade. Naturally occurring in low nutrient stony soils on dry ridges and slopes.

project type

urban and commercial
residential
farm forestry and
agriculture

tolerates Tolerant of drought, frost and low nutrient soils.
flowering season Spring and Summer

soil type and drainage

light - sandy soils
medium - loamy soils
good drainage

flower colour Clusters of diamond-shaped buds open to creamy-white flowers. Fruit are barrel shaped.
foliage colour Foliage is slate-green to blue-grey. Leaves are ovate in shape to 5cm in length and width.

width up to 15m

height up to 25m

plant spacing 500cm apart

recommended uses An attractive ornamental tree grown for its glaucous foliage.

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