

Angophora subvelutina

(Myrtaceae)

Common name: Broadleaf apple.

Localities: Gap Creek Rd, Kholo Creek; common in the district.

Growth form: An attractive tree to 30 m tall, with rough flaky bark, the branches spreading and gnarled in appearance.

Foliage: Leaves are opposite, simple, 6-14 cm long and 2-6 cm wide.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers are similar to those of a eucalypt, but with free petals. The fruit is a ribbed capsule.

Habitat: Creek-side situations, but also on shallower soils.

Propagation and Management: Propagated from seed, which is small, but germinates readily.

General: *A. leiocarpa* (rusty gum), with attractive orange new bark, also grows in the area, but favours infertile, shallow soils on ridges. Both species are major sources of pollen for honey bees, and both species are visited by blossom bats, lorikeets and fruit bats. The timber is durable. Broadleaf apple has been known to shed large branches. In contrast to most eucalypts, *Angophora* spp. have opposite leaves.

