

Eucalyptus maculata
(Myrtaceae)

- Common name:** Spotted gum.
- Localities:** Widespread in our area on poorer soils, especially along and close to ridges.
- Growth form:** A tall tree to 40 m tall, the trunk smooth and dimpled, pale green and pinkish when freshly exposed in mid-summer, darkening with time, the canopy sparse and open.
- Foliage:** Simple, narrow, up to 24 cm long and 4 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers over winter to early spring.
- Habitat:** Grows on infertile soils, mostly on ridges.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated by seed. Spotted gum is very hardy and drought-tolerant, once established.
- General:** Spotted gum is an attractive tree and should be considered when re-establishing forest on infertile soils. Appropriate companion species could be *E. crebra* (narrow-leaved ironbark) and *E. propinqua* (grey gum). It has some importance as a source of pollen for honey bees and is also a valuable timber tree. *E. henryi*, the broad-leaved spotted gum, is found along some creeks in our district.

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