

Eucalyptus microcorys
(Myrtaceae)

- Common name:** Tallowwood.
- Localities:** A frequent component of eucalypt forest in our area.
- Growth form:** A tall tree with chestnut-brown, stringy bark and a denser crown than many eucalypts. Branches tend to be almost at right-angles to the trunk.
- Foliage:** Leaves 5-14 cm long, up to 3.5 cm wide, paler on the under surface.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are in 4-7 flowered inflorescences which are terminal or in upper leaf axils. Flower buds are 5-6 mm long and have a conical or hemispherical cap.
- Habitat:** A species which prefers better soils, but also to be found in less fertile situations.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated by seed. Very hardy and drought-tolerant, once established.
- General:** One of the more attractive of the stringybarks, it is also a food tree for koalas. The timber is very hard and durable, and is particularly valued where strength is required. Queensland white stringybark (*E. nigra*) also occurs in our area.

