

***Eucalyptus propinqua***  
(Myrtaceae)

- Common name:** Grey gum.
- Localities:** Widespread in eucalypt forest in the district.
- Growth form:** A tall tree to 40 m, the old bark grey, shedding in large sheets to reveal the fresh, bright orange, new bark in mid-summer.
- Foliage:** Leaves to 21 cm long, about 3.5 cm wide.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers from summer to autumn.
- Habitat:** Tends to prefer lower slopes and valleys and is often associated with brush box, *Lophostemon confertus*.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated by seed. Hardy and drought-tolerant, once established.
- General:** Flowers are attractive to lorikeets and are also a source of pollen for honey bees. Grey gum is an important tree for koalas and is also a good all-purpose timber. Two varieties occur in our district, var. *major* and var. *propinqua*. Bell miners are often associated with stands of grey gum.

