

Eucalyptus tereticornis

(Myrtaceae)

Common names: Queensland blue gum, forest red gum.

Localities: Brisbane River Bank, Rafting Ground, and widespread in our district.

Growth form: A tall and stately tree to 45 m, the bark light grey, smooth, shedding, but with a persistent short "sock" at the base of mature trees.

Foliage: Leaves are up to 24 cm long and 3.5 cm wide.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers over winter to spring

Habitat: Mostly on deeper, more fertile soils, along floodplains and lower-lying areas.

Propagation and Management: Propagated by seed. Hardy and drought-tolerant, once established.

General: A major source of pollen for honey bees. One of the most important trees for koalas. Flying foxes and lorikeets are also attracted to the blossom. This is a valuable tree for its hardwood timber.

