

PLANT field guide

River Red-gum Eucalyptus camaldulensis

When to look:

Throughout year; flowers late spring to summer



Flowers ccomprised of umbels of 7 to 11 green to cream flower buds located at the junction of the leaves and stem with the buds being of globular shape with a prominent tip beak



Fruit in clusters, spherical with 4 protuding valves. Seed is yellow or yellow-brown, cuboid, smooth.

Tree to 40m tall, bark smooth, mottled, shedding at intervals throughout the year showing white, yellow and grey, becoming roughened at the base. Frequently a straight tree but can develop more twisted habit in drier conditions.

Similar species:

Keep an eye out for its distinct globular-shaped buds with prominent tip and mottled bark. The species is also distinguished by the seeds which are cuboid, yellow to brownish yellow and have two seed coats (all other red gums have seeds with a single dark brown to black seed coat).

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