

Grey Box or Gum-topped Box *Eucalyptus moluccana*

When to look:

All year. Flowering can occur throughout

Similar species:

It is closely related to the Narrow-leaved Box or Grey Box, *E. microcarpa* (also a ClimateWatch species), which is a more inland species with rough bark higher up the stem and smaller leaves, buds and fruit. Fruits of *E. moluccana* are barrel-shaped and resemble those of the related New South Wales tableland and western slopes species, *E. albens*. The latter species differs, however, in having a greyish to glaucous crown and larger, often glaucous, buds and fruit.

Adult leaves: alternate, broadly lance-shaped, 7-17 cm long, 1.5-2.5 cm wide, green on both sides



Tree to 25 m high

Bark: rough on part or all of trunk, thin, box-type or tessellated (mosaic-like), grey or mottled with grey and white patches



Flower buds egg-shaped to spindle-shaped; tapering at both ends), 5-9 mm long, 3-4 mm diameter; scar absent.



Flowers are clustered, usually in 7 flowers, sometimes more than 7, more or less arising from the one point

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