

Grey Box

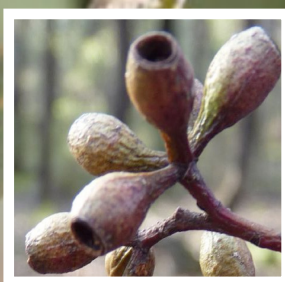
Eucalyptus microcarpa

When to look:

Late January to June
for flowering

Medium sized tree 10-25m tall, with long ascending branches, grey fibrous bark on the lower branches and trunk. Upper branches have a smooth grey coloured bark.

Flower buds have cone-like caps, cream to white.



Seeds round or oval, 3-7 mm long and 3-5 mm wide, coupled on a small stalk and brown in colour.

Adult leaves narrow oval shape tapering to a point at each end, usually 8-15 cm long and 1-2 cm wide, clustered and dull green.

Similar species:

In VIC, may be confused with Yellow Box (*E. mellidora*) which has scruffy, yellowish to dark brown, fibrous bark, dull, green or grey leaves with distinct intramarginal veins, and fruit with enclosed valves.

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