



Botanical name:
Eucalyptus mannifera

Common name:
Red-spotted Gum, Brittle Gum

Origin:
Western side of the Central Tablelands and the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, south to eastern Victoria

Typical height:
10-20 metres

Typical width:
6-13 metres

Growth rate:
Moderate

Typical form:
Narrow-domed, ascending branches

Characteristics:
Medium sized, evergreen tree. Smooth white, powdery, trunk, often mottled with patches of grey, which changes to a pink colour in late spring or summer.

Site requirements:
Grows well in poor soils often containing large amounts of clay, or in shallow, rocky soils. Subspecies *mannifera* commonly occurs on shallow, rocky, somewhat infertile soils on plateaux and hill slopes.

Tolerances:
Moderate to high tolerance of drought and high tolerance to frost.

Suitable for use under powerlines:
Not suitable. Cultivar 'Little Spotty' could be used under powerlines.





Image: 'Little Spotty' Australfloa ©



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Notes:

'Little Spotty' is a smaller growing variety 7-9m x 5-7m. More suitable under powerlines due to shorter form (4/5).

Facts and trivia:

Despite the name 'Brittle Gum', rarely prone to sudden limb failure.

Commonly used as a street tree in Canberra, due to its high frost tolerance.

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