



Botanical name:

*Eucalyptus melliodora*

Common name:

Yellow Box

Origin:

Common species in the grassy woodlands of the tablelands and western slopes of the Great Dividing Range, extending from northern Victoria, through NSW, with a scattered extension into south-eastern Queensland.

Typical height:

15-25 metres (taller in natural range)

Typical width:

8-18 metres

Growth rate:

Moderate to slow.

Typical form:

Narrow-domed, ascending branches on solitary trunk. Moderately open crown.

Characteristics:

Large evergreen tree. Box like bark can vary from smooth to rough all the way down the trunk often in different colourings from grey, yellow to brown. Sometimes very dark and rough. Light green to grey or bluish, narrow foliage. White flowers in spring to summer.

Site requirements:

Adaptable to a range of soils, including heavy clay. Prefers well-drained. Species usually found on lower slopes and plains, on sandy or loamy alluvial soils.

Tolerances:

High tolerance of drought. Intolerant of high-water tables and poorly drained soils. Tolerant of frosts.

Suitable for use under powerlines:

Not suitable.



Examples in Wyndham:

TBC.

Notes:

Facts and trivia:

Nectar attracts native birdlife as well as bees.

Premium honey-producing flowers; botanical name is derived from *melleus* (of honey) and *odora* (sweet or pleasant smell)

A tree with longevity (150+ years).

References:

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