

**Botanical Name:** *Eucalyptus microcarpa* (Emc)

**Common Name:** Grey box

### Species Description

- Evergreen
- Tall tree with straight trunk and light canopy, with leaves clustered towards the ends of branches
- Can be a straggly, multi-stemmed tree on poor sites
- Fibrous grey bark on trunk and branches, becoming smooth on the upper branches
- Dull green foliage 8 to 15 centimetres long
- Cream flowers from late summer to early winter
- Small fruit

### Height and width

20 metres tall by 12 to 15 metres wide

### Species origin

Western slopes and plains of New South Wales and adjacent areas of south east Queensland; western and northern Victoria

### Landscape use

- Available Soil Volume required:  $\geq 70\text{m}^3$
- Suitable for use in parks and as a street tree

### Use considerations

- Suited to Canberra's climate
- High frost and drought tolerance
- Adaptable to a wide range of sites in Canberra
- [Long lived](#)
- Fast growth rate
- Low flammability
- Formative pruning is recommended to encourage the development of a single trunk
- Produces nectar, pollen and seeds
- Attracts bees and birds

### Examples in Canberra

Australian National Botanic Gardens; Wilmot Crescent, Forrest; Limestone Avenue

### Availability

May require forward ordering and hardening off

