Botanical Name: *Eucalyptus rossii* (Ero)
Common Name: Scribbly gum

**Species Description**
- Evergreen
- Usually a single trunked tree with an open canopy
- Smooth white to blotchy grey bark with distinctive scribbles
- Grey green lanceolate leaves
- White flowers in January
- Small hemispherical woody fruit

**Height and width**
15 to 18 metres tall by 15 metres wide

**Species origin**
Occurs naturally in dry sclerophyll forests on tablelands and slopes in New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT

**Landscape use**
- Available Soil Volume required: \( \geq 70 \text{m}^3 \)
- Can be used as a street tree and in parks
- Suitable for use in wildlife corridors, and for restoring or recreating dry forest landscapes
- Best used with other dry forest species in low use or aesthetic landscapes

**Use considerations**
- Performs fairly well in the Canberra climate
- High frost tolerance and very high drought tolerance
- Grows on poor quality skeletal soils, particularly those of sedimentary origin
- Does not tolerate water logging or compaction
- Does not tolerate shade
- Medium to long lived
- Can have slow and unpredictable growth rates
- Low flammability, being smooth barked
- Produces pollen and seeds, and attracts birds and bees which produce honey
- Provides significant wildlife habitat through hollows in old trees
- Listed as an ecologically beneficial species under the *Tree Protection Act 2005*

**Examples in Canberra**
Australian National Botanic Gardens and natural stands on Black Mountain

**Availability**
Specialist nurseries