

**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

