

Eucalyptus piperita

(Sydney Peppermint)

Description

A graceful tree, usually 15m tall. Fine rough brownish grey bark, with white smooth upper branches that become long ribbony strips of bark.

Flower and Foliage

Creamy white flowers in early summer. Leaves have a strong peppermint smell.

Maintenance

Prune to remove dead wood. Prune to a single leader or allow multiple trunks that are well spaced for future growth.

Occurs

Moist sandstone valley slopes, hillsides and plateaus on sandstone and sandy soils. A common gum tree of the Sydney area.

Uses

A tree of historical importance is the "Explorers Tree" marked by Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson in the 1813 crossing of the Blue Mountains and the first plant used medicinally by Europeans. Attractive garden tree, attracts native fauna.



Drought Tolerant



Frost Tolerant



Full Sun



Part Shade

Width
6-8m



Height
5-25m



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