

# Blue Box

## *Eucalyptus baueriana*



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### Description

Typical height:  
10-12 metres. Subspecies  
*thalassina* is a small tree  
to 8m tall.

Typical width:  
10-14 metres

Growth rate:  
Moderate to Fast

Typical form:  
Rounded, spreading

### Origin

Eastern Victoria to north of Sydney; subsp. *thalassina* also around Bacchus Marsh

### Characteristics

Medium evergreen tree. Box-type bark persistent on trunk and larger branches, shedding in short ribbons; smooth grey bark above. Juvenile leaves round, adult leaves ovate to broad-lanceolate, blue green to grey-green; very similar to Red Box (*E. polyanthemos*) but thinner, glossier, and a darker shade of green. Fruit similar to Red Box but more funnel-shaped (straighter sides) with notably shorter or indistinct pedicels (stalks at base of each fruit). Flowers November to December.

### Tolerances

High tolerance of waterlogging and wind

### Facts and Trivia

A third subspecies *deddickensis* is also endangered and is local to the Deddick River area in East Gippsland.