

Eucalyptus decipiens Endl.

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Flowering period: Can flower most months but particularly September–November.

Description: Tree or mallee to 8 m high often widely spreading with sinuous trunks and can form continuous canopies. Leaves grey-green alternate with 8–20 mm long petioles, oval to narrowly oval, 40–90 mm long, 30–40 mm wide. The flowers are in highly distinctive, 10–15-flowered axillary umbels with the buds sessile (not on obvious stalks). Covering on bud (operculum) is conical, 8 mm × 3 mm and shed to reveal the creamy-white stamens. Fruits a hemispherical capsule with prominent exerted valves that open to release small black seed and brown packing material (ovulode).

Pollination: Open pollinated by a wide variety of insects and birds.

Distribution: Widespread from Shark Bay to Bremer Bay, and occurs sporadically in near-coastal areas often restricted to sandy, protected swales in secondary dunes.

Propagation: Readily germinates from seed.

Uses in restoration: A large growing tree that should only be used where it is acknowledged as a species present in the nominated reference community.

Notes: An attractive small tree that forms a fine specimen tree and useful in civic plantings and as a shade tree.



Habit and bark



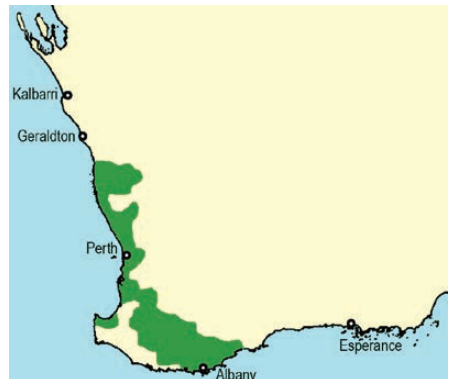
Flowers



Habit



Fruit



Distribution