

URBAN FOREST

LEMON-SCENTED GUM Corymbia citriodora

Origins

Queensland.

Characteristics

This is one of Australia's most beautiful eucalypts and is now grown widely throughout Australia.

It is a fast-growing, tall and graceful tree that can reach a height of about 30 m, and a width of 8 to 10 m.

The lemon-scented gum has an upright form and an open and often irregular canopy. Its branches are sometimes described as 'muscular' and twisted, and it is very attractive in silhouette.

In winter, it produces small white flowers which can be difficult to fully appreciate,

as the canopy is usually high off the ground. The woody fruit capsules that follow are brown-green.

As the name suggests, the leaves have a strong, refreshing lemon smell when crushed. They are green and slender, hanging vertically from the branches.

The trunk of this tree is magnificent - it is smooth to touch and the bark is a clean white, grey or sometimes pale salmon colour.



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Suitable uses

The tree has adapted very well in Melbourne and has been used in a number of streetscapes and parks throughout the city.

Locations in Melbourne

Many lemon-scented gums are planted throughout Melbourne, including:

- Mature specimen at Cemetery Road East, Carlton (Mel Ref: 2B F4)
- New planting at Macaulay Road, Kensington (Mel Ref: 2A, A5).

For further information please contact the City of Melbourne on 03 9658 9658, email trees@melbourne.vic.gov.au or visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/parks



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