

EUCALYPTUS MELLIODORA

Yellow Box

Botanical name

Common name



Above: example of Eucalyptus melliodora trees planted in 2012 in Andrew Park Drive, Altona Meadows

CHARACTERISTICS

- A medium to tall grower
- Best known for its attractive textured bark which varies from smooth to rough all the way down the trunk. Often the bark varies presenting an array of colours including grey, yellow, red, and brown.
- Fragrant, white flowers appear during the warmer months and provide a food source for bees and butterflies.

TOLERANCES

Once established, can handle most soil types from heavy clay to sandy loam. Can handle soil that is well-drained and periods of waterlogging.

DESCRIPTION

- Typical height:**
10-15 metres
- Typical width:**
8-10 metres
- Growth rate:**
Moderate
- Typical form:**
Oval

ORIGIN

Natural distribution occurs South-Eastern Australia, in areas with moderate rainfall, cool temperate pastoral and cropping area, usually occupying the better soils.

FACTS AND TRIVIA

- A great shade tree and for street plantings. Used widely in honey production. Good for native habitat in gardens and parks.
- In its natural grassy woodland habitat, Eucalyptus melliodora can reach mature heights of up to 30 metres. This is due to the tree being in an optimal growing environment, including, well drained, moderately fertile, sandy loam and alluvial soils.
- In the Altona Meadows area, Eucalyptus melliodora typically attains a mature height of between 10-15 meters, where the growing environment isn't as favourable.
- An example of an avenue of 10-year-old Eucalyptus melliodora is located on Andrew Park Drive in Altona Meadows. The trees were planted in November 2012 and provide an indication of what the recent plantings will look like in 10 years' time.

