

Shade Tree Selections for Farms and Paddocks

Looking to protect horses and livestock in summer? Get the jump on the hotter weather later in the year by planting these eight classic native lines, ideal for this very purpose.



Lophostemon confertus **QUEENSLAND BRUSH BOX**

A rainforest tree native to the North-Eastern parts of Australia, this is a fast growing tree which is rarely affected by pests and diseases. Dome-like in shape, it develops a very dense foliage cover of dark green, leathery leaves providing good shade for the summer months. This variety rarely sheds limbs and has salmon coloured bark which flakes off over summer revealing orange-brown tones on the trunk. Summer also brings clusters of small white flowers whose stamens give them a decorative fluffy appearance.



Corymbia citriodora **LEMON-SCENTED GUM**

A beautiful, tall growing Corymbia (syn. Eucalyptus) with a distinctive, often powdery white to grey coloured bark which curls and flakes off in spring. Its leaves are green, long and slender with an amazing, strong lemon fragrance when crushed. Its strong scent is a distinguishing attribute, with the essential oils produced from this variety often being used in fragrances as well as insect repellents. In summer and autumn, feathery white flowers appear, making it a good source of food for honey bees.



Corymbia maculata

SPOTTED GUM

This is a stately native Corymbia (syn. Eucalyptus) which grows straight and tall. The bark sheds in summer and is smooth and cream in colour with grey spots from the older bark, providing contrast and interest with its mottled appearance. The leaves are dark green and glossy and from autumn to winter, small clusters of fragrant white flowers appear attracting birds and honeybees to the area. Note: Not to be confused with the "Red Spotted Gum" which is listed separately.



Angophora costata

SMOOTH-BARKED APPLE MYRTLE, RUSTY GUM

This attractive Australian native Angophora (syn. Eucalyptus) is loved for its smooth bark that is slightly purple in colour. It has large and twisted limbs and a very large expanded trunk base. It bears white flower clusters in spring. This tree has opposite leaves compared to alternate leaves as seen in eucalypt tree varieties. It has beautiful red new growth.



Eucalyptus polyanthemos

RED BOX

This Australian native tree naturally occurs on the tablelands of New South Wales and is capable of tolerating difficult, dry stony soils. Juvenile foliage is oval in shape and grey-green in colour whilst the mature, adult leaves are more ovate. The short trunk can be smooth or box like (fissured). Flowering occurs from September to January during which small white flowers appear.



Eucalyptus mannifera maculosa

RED SPOTTED GUM

A lovely medium sized tree for open spaces with a smooth powdery white, cream or grey trunk with red flecks through it. It naturally forms one trunk with a wide spreading canopy and grows relatively fast. It has narrow, thin green leaves and white flowers in the summer. It is adaptable to a wide range of conditions, known to tolerate poor soils and is a good choice for areas high in clay and shallow, rocky soils.



Eucalyptus sideroxylon rosea

RED-FLOWERING IRONBARK

This Australian native tree is indigenous to eastern Australia. It has distinctive, very dark brown to black coloured bark which is deeply furrowed and does not shed. The dramatic bark provides contrast to the foliage which is blue-grey-green mix in colour. From winter to early spring, pink to red flowers are borne in clusters of seven.



Eucalyptus melliodora

YELLOW BOX

This tree is a medium to tall grower, best known for its unusual 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 and occasionally, can be very dark and rough. Very fragrant, white flowers appear during the warmer months.

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