



INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Elaeocarpus eumundii (Quandong)

Description

Elaeocarpus eumundii is a slow growing tree with attractive glossy dense foliage and bronze new growth. The fruit is small and blue following cream scented flowers in early summer. The tree generally grows to around 5 to 10 metres tall and about 3 to 6 metres wide.

Habitat

Elaeocarpus eumundii grows in composted, well drained soil in subtropical areas of Australia.



Indigenous use

Quandong was and still is an important native food source for Australian Indigenous people in wide- ranging semi-arid and arid regions of all Australian mainland states for millennia. Amongst male members of central Australia's Pitjantjara people, Quandongs were considered a suitable substitute for meat.