



## INDIGENOUS GARDEN

### *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* (Iron Bark)

#### Indigenous use

Due to the way that the Iron Bark tree accumulates bark rather than shedding it, it is able to survive harsh environments and therefore represents strength and continuity. The tree is used for many purposes, such as: the sap/resin which collects in the bark in clusters can be used to dye items and water proof hides, etc. The sap/resin when processed in a different way can also be used as an ointment.

#### Description

*Eucalyptus sideroxylon* is the red flowering variety of the Ironbark. It has a single trunk with attractive thick bark which is deeply fissured. *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* forms an open rounded canopy and is frost hardy and relatively drought resistant. Pink to red flowers appear from winter through spring, appearing in clusters.



#### Habitat

*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*'s versatility allows it to grow in soil conditions ranging from sandy to clay. Its predominant habitat is the eastern Australian states from Queensland to Victoria.