



INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Eucalyptus obliqua (Stringy Bark)

Indigenous use

Scars on some remaining Stringy Bark trees indicate that the timber was a prized possession of Indigenous communities. Its bark was also used for making fibre and fires.

Description

Eucalyptus obliqua can reach heights of over 80 metres and a 10 metre girth. It was the first named of all eucalypt species. Acquiring the name from the Greek eu, meaning “well”, and calyptos, meaning “covered”. The flowers are small and white and so are the fruits, or gum nuts, which are about 8mm across and usually occur in clusters of three, four or five.



Habitat

Eucalyptus obliqua is widely distributed through southeastern Australia, growing in Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia and much of New South Wales, almost to the Queensland border.