Eucalyptus viminalis

Manna Gum

Medium to very tall evergreen tree with an upright, narrow domed canopy. 
Adult leaves are narrow, sometimes sickle-shaped. 
Buds are distinctively in 3s in a cross pattern. 
Bark sheds in ribbons mostly to the ground, smooth, grey or whitish underneath, sometimes skirt or stocking of rough dark grey-brown or black bark can remain at base. 
Will grow in a range of soil and climatic conditions with high tolerance of heavy clays, winds and frosts.

height x width (m) 10-50 x 8-15
origin Indigenous to Shire of Yarra Ranges, Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.
growth rate Fast growing
flower colour White
flowering time Summer/autumn
shade tolerance Intolerant, prefers full sun
drought Moderate drought tolerance once established, grows satisfactorily with no obvious signs of stress in a dry summer.
low soil oxygen Will grow in a range of soil and climatic conditions, tolerates some water logging, prefers deep moist well drained soils.
compacted soils Low tolerance of compaction.
pest + disease A range of defoliating insects can cause serious damage to this species particularly when young. Pests include eucalypt leaf beetle, scarab beetles, sawfly lava and leaf blister sawfly, this species is also a preferred host for Christmas beetles.
root disturbance Low tolerance.
advanced Low incidence of problem from planting out as industry standard, 2m plus container grown trees.
limb shear Formative prune to produce a well structured tree, as it is subject to branch breakage.
weed risk No records of species becoming established in urban landscapes by self-sown seed.
under powerlines Not suited.
habitat value Provides a specific food or habitat resource for native fauna – birds, koalas and possums, hollows.