**Eucalyptus sideroxylon**

Red Ironbark

A large upright tree with a relatively open rounded canopy. Evergreen leaves, lanceolate, concolorous, dull grey green. Bark reddish-brown to black, deeply furrowed on the trunk and persistent to the smaller branches, upper limbs smooth smaller sometimes weathering to a grey on the extremities. Widely cultivated and tolerant of roadside conditions, species adaptable to a wide range of conditions. The selection ‘Rosea’ is particularly adaptable and vigorous on well drained soils.

- **height x width (m)**: 10-20 x 10-20
- **origin**: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland
- **growth rate**: Fast
- **flower colour**: Cream/pink
- **flowering time**: Winter and Spring
- **shade tolerance**: Highly intolerant
- **drought**: High tolerance grows satisfactorily with no obvious signs of stress in a dry summer.
- **low soil oxygen**: Requires good drainage; widely planted in urban areas and generally grows satisfactorily.
- **compacted soils**: High tolerance.
- **pest + disease**: Generally not prone to insects that cause obvious damage to foliage, susceptible to sap sucking and foliar feeding insects. Borers can increase kino exudates.
- **root disturbance**: Low tolerance.
- **advanced**: Low incidence of problem from planting out as industry standard, 2m plus container grown trees.
- **limb shear**: May drop limbs if damaged or diseased and due to drought. High winds may cause failure at attachments of large limbs, especially if planted singularly. Formative prune to develop good structure.
- **weed risk**: No records of species becoming established in urban landscapes by self-sown seed.
- **under powerlines**: Not suited.
- **habitat value**: Known to provide a specific food or habitat resource for native fauna – birds, bees.