Eucalyptus rubida

Candle Bark Gum

Medium to large tree, with rounded to spreading canopy.
Juvenile foliage, glaucous blue/grey and rounded, adult leaves lanceolate, long and dull green.
Usually a single trunk which is smooth and white. The bark sheds in late spring/summer, producing beautiful colours on the trunk.
Common on dry shallow soils on the foothills.
Tolerant of heavy frosts and snows and adaptable to most well drained soils.
A very decorative shade tree.
More of these trees are needed in suitable locations such as wide road reserves.

- **height x width (m)**: 10-30 x 10-15
- **origin**: Indigenous to Shire of Yarra Ranges, Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia
- **growth rate**: Fast
- **flower colour**: White
- **flowering time**: Summer/autumn
- **shade tolerance**: Full sun
- **drought**: Moderate tolerance grows satisfactorily with no obvious signs of stress in an average summer.
- **low soil oxygen**: Some tolerance, prefers well drained soils
- **compacted soils**: Evidence of low tolerance
- **pest + disease**: Major dieback can be caused from a rare pustulating fungus, occasional borer damage including target borer.
- **root disturbance**: Low tolerance.
- **advanced**: Unknown
- **limb shear**: Reports of mature trees shedding of major limbs in urban landscape plantings.
- **weed risk**: No records of species becoming established in urban landscapes by self-sown seed.
- **under powerlines**: Not suited. Very dense or erect canopy form that is poorly suited to training into an open centre under wires.
- **habitat value**: Provides a specific food or habitat resource for native fauna – birds, koalas and possums, hollows.