

# *Eucalyptus radiata*

## Narrow Leaf Peppermint

A tall, single trunk tree with a dense low branching canopy, likely to be smaller in open sites.

Adult leaves are narrow (<2cm), 8-16 cm long, dull grey-green, with a strong peppermint smell when crushed.

Distinguished by the numerous small, club-shaped buds.

Grey-brown bark is sub-fibrous, with a finely interlaced or flaky appearance; persistent to small branches

Not common in cultivation.

It is adaptable to a wide range of soil types.

**height x width (m)** 10-30 x 6-20

**origin** Indigenous to Shire of Yarra Ranges, Victoria, New South Wales.

**growth rate** Moderate

**flower colour** White to cream

**flowering time** Spring/summer

**shade tolerance** Full sun

**drought** High tolerance grows satisfactorily with no obvious signs of stress in a dry summer.

**low soil oxygen** Moderate tolerance to water logger sites prefers moist to well drained soils.

**compacted soils** Low tolerance.

**pest + disease** May be subject to insect damage, including bubble gall which does not harm the tree.

**root disturbance** Low to moderate tolerance.

**advanced** Unknown

**limb shear** Few if any reports of the 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** Indigenous to Shire of Yarra Ranges – attracts birds, koalas, possums, bats, insects.

