

Flowering Gum Hybrid *Corymbia* 'Summer Red'



NATIVE PLANT NOTES

Description

This eucalypt is a hybrid between two iconic Western Australian species *Corymbia ficifolia* and *Corymbia ptychocarpa* which are growing naturally at opposite ends of the state. Human intervention has brought these species together to create this spectacular hybrid which grows to 5 m by 3 m and will last for many years.

Flowers

This small tree produces vibrant red flowers in large heads during summer months.

Growing conditions

It thrives in all soil types but it is important that the site is free-draining and in full sun. 'Summer Red' is best planted in autumn and winter months.

Watering

Once established, this plant is very hardy and in some situations needs no supplementary summer watering.

Pruning

Pruning at an early age is required to establish the desired shape and form.

Fertiliser

Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at time of planting and annually as required in the spring months.

Pests and diseases

No known pests or diseases.

Miscellaneous

This relatively new hybrid to horticulture is well worth trying in your home garden as a small ornamental tree.



Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.
Phone: (08) 9480 3672 or Email: garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au.

Pest and Diseases Information Service, Department of Agriculture and Food.
Freecall 1800 084 881 Email: info@agric.wa.gov.au or visit www.agric.wa.gov.au.