Eucalyptus sideroxylon "Rosea"

COMMON NAME; Red Ironbark

FAMILY; Myrtaceae

ORIGIN; NSW, Vic, Qld

HEIGHT; 15-25mt

WIDTH; 10-15mt

HABIT; An upright tree with a rounded to spreading crown, usually fairly open. Bark is persistent on the trunk, hard, thick and deeply furrowed, reddish brown to black in colour.

FOLIAGE; Evergreen. Leaves are 12cm long and 2cm wide, dull grey green in colour.

FLOWERS; 1.5-2cm across, Rosea is meant to have red to pink flowers, but colour can not be guaranteed as tree's are grown from seed which produces variable flower colours from white to red.

FLOWERING SEASON; May to October.

FRUIT; Capsule, 1cm long, 8mm wide, barrel shaped, grey brown in colour.

CULTURE & USE; A common ironbark useful for parks, streets, ornamental plantings, around public buildings, gardens. Minimum natural rainfall 500mm.

PRUNING; Some shaping of young trees may be required to develop a central leader and to thicken growth.

COMMENTS; Eucalyptus sideroxylon will grow well in a wide range of soils from sandy to clay. Frost hardy and moderately drought resistant. Fast growing when young.