

Angophora bakeri subsp. crassifolia

Classification

Angophora

Nomenclature

Angophora bakeri subsp. **crassifolia** G.J.Leach, *Telopea* 2: 766 (1986).

A. crassifolia (G.J.Leach) L.A.S.Johnson & K.D.Hill, *Telopea* 4: 38 (1990); *Eucalyptus crassifolia* (G.J.Leach) Brooker, *Austral. Sys. Bot.* 13: 136 (2000). T: past St. Ives towards Terry Hills on the Mona Vale road, NSW, 21 May 1975, *G.J.Leach* 122; holo: LTB; iso: BRI, MEL, NSW.

Description

Small shrubby **tree** or **mallee** to 10 m tall. Forming a lignotuber.

Bark rough, fibrous, grey or grey-brown. Glands (or ducts) sometimes present in the pith but only seen just below the nodes on young branchlets.

Juvenile growth (coppice or field seedlings to 50 cm): stem rounded in cross-section, smooth; juvenile leaves opposite, sessile to shortly pedicellate, elliptical to ovate, 5–8 cm long, 1–2 cm wide, base tapering to the petiole, margin entire, apex acute, green, glabrous.

Adult leaves opposite, petioles 0.4–1 cm long; blade lanceolate to falcate, rigid, 5–11 cm long, 1–2 cm wide, flat, base tapering to petiole, margin entire, apex acute, discolorous, glossy green to dull grey-green, penniveined, dense to very densely reticulate, intramarginal vein present, oil glands island or obscure.

Inflorescence terminal compound, peduncles (0.6)0.8–2 cm long, buds 3 or 7 per umbel, pedicellate (pedicels 0.7–1 cm long). **Mature buds** globular (0.5–0.7 cm long, 0.5–0.7 cm wide), hypanthium hairy, longitudinally ribbed, petals white with green keel; stamens inflexed, anthers oblong, versatile, dehiscing by longitudinal slits (non-confluent), style long, stigma blunt, or mop-like, locules 3 or 4, the placentae each with 5 vertical ovule rows. Flowers white or creamy white.

Fruit pedicellate (pedicels to 0.8 cm long), cup-shaped to barrel-shaped, 0.9–1 cm long, 0.9–1.2 cm wide, longitudinally ribbed, disc descending, valves 3 or 4, enclosed.

Seeds reddish brown to brown, flattened-ellipsoidal, dorsal surface smooth, hilum ventral.

Cultivated seedlings (measured at ca node 10): cotyledons reniform to orbicular; stems rounded in cross-section, scabrid with bristle-glands and hairs; leaves opposite, sessile, cordate, 4–7(8) cm long, 2–3.5 cm wide, amplexicaul, margin entire, apex pointed, discolorous, green, sparsely scabrid.

Flowering Time

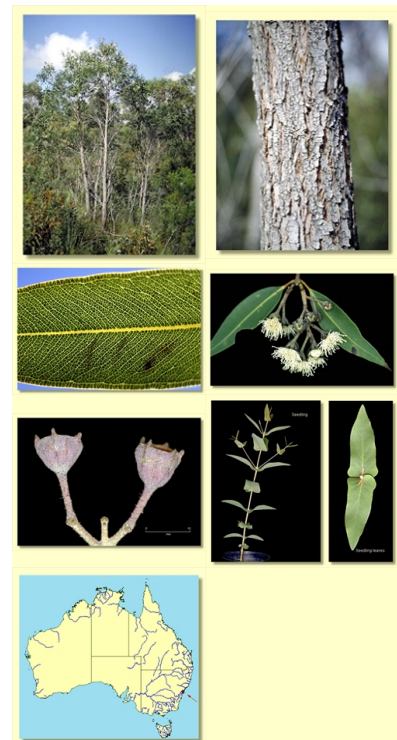
Flowering has been recorded in January, November and December.

Notes

Angophora bakeri is a widespread species in eastern New South Wales from west of Nowra, north through the plains and ranges of the Central Coast to Karuah, and then further north with disjunct populations in the Grafton to Woodburn area and Gibraltar Rock west of Tenterfield. (The Grafton to Woodburn population was published as subspecies *paludosa* and is a marginally taller, straighter tree with slightly broader leaves. The Gibraltar Rock population was published as *A. exul* (see image of type specimen held at CANB) and was described as having narrower, longer leaves and petioles than *A. bakeri*. We can find no substantial differences between *A. bakeri* subsp. *paludosa*, *A. exul* and *A. bakeri* subsp. *bakeri*.)

A. bakeri is normally a small tree with narrow adult and juvenile leaves usually less than 1.5 cm wide. It is related to the group of *Angophora* species that have rough bark and develop true petiolate adult leaves in the mature crown. The other members of this group are *A. floribunda*, *A. woodsiana*, *A. inopina* and *A. melanoxyton*. *A. floribunda* and *A. woodsiana* are usually taller trees with longer petioles and broader adult and juvenile leaves (normally greater than 1.5 cm wide). *A. inopina*, a small tree similar in habit to *A. bakeri*, differs also by having broader adult and juvenile leaves. *A. melanoxyton*, of inland northern New South Wales and southern Queensland, normally has a mixture of petiolate adult leaves and sessile juvenile leaves in the mature crown. The true adult leaves tend to be slightly shorter and broader than those in *A. bakeri*.

There are two subspecies:



A. bakeri subsp. **bakeri**

This form is widespread and notably narrow-leaved. The leaves are thin and flexible.

A. bakeri subsp. **crassifolia** (Latin *crassus*, thick, and *folium*, leaf).

This is restricted in distribution, occurring in the Sydney region on sandstone, e.g. Ku-ring-gai Chase. It differs by the rigid, thicker leaves.

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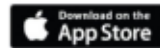
Origin of Name

Angophora bakeri: after Richard Thomas Baker (1854–1941).

In 1901 Richard Baker succeeded J.H. Maiden as curator and economic botanist at the Sydney Technological Museum and remained in this position until his retirement in 1921. He was a prolific writer who published many papers, three of which are *A Research on the Eucalypts, especially in regard to their essential oils* (1902), *A Research on the Pines of Australia* (1910), *The Hardwoods of Australia and their Economics* (1919). He made a significant contribution to the knowledge of the native timber species of eastern Australia. In 1921 he was awarded the Mueller medal by the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science and in 1922 was awarded the Clarke Medal of the Royal Society of New South Wales.

subsp. *crassifolia*: Latin *crassus*, thick and *folium*, leaf.

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