

## Black Ironbox



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**Family:** *Myrtaceae*

**HABIT:** Medium sized tree. The trunk maybe short, or up to half tree height with a heavily branched crown and a dense canopy.

Bark rough, box-type on trunk and base of largest branches, almost black. All or most branches smooth barked and grey in colour.

**LEAVES:** Adult leaves are lanceolate , 8-15 x 1-3cm, bluish-green above and much paler below.

**FLOWER/FRUIT:** Very small white buds are borne in large terminal groups.

Fruits are extremely small (2mm x 2mm) capsules with 3-4 protruding valves. Between February and March the fruits become mature turning grey and hard

**PROPAGATION:** Collect fruits and place in paper bags in a warm position. Capsules will open releasing seed and chaff (infertile seed). It is not necessary to separate these two components for successful germination of viable seed.

**LOCAL HABITAT:** Riverine and adjacent creek flats.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Central Queensland Coast



**GENERAL:** Listed as vulnerable. This tree has the smallest fruit of all the Eucalypts. It is a fast growing and has hard, very durable timber; an attractive ornamental where a space is available.

**REFERENCES:** Brooker and Kleinig, 2004 *Field Guide to Eucalypts: Northern Australia*.  
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