

Myrtaceae
Corymbia intermedia
pink bloodwood



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ETYMOLOGY

(cor-RIMB-ee-ah) Latin *corymbus* = cluster of fruits or flowers; The Latin species *intermedia* (in-ter-MEED-ee-ah) *media* = middle or intermediate, referring to the flowering;

LIFEFORM

Tree 24-30 m x 4 m Spread

STATUS

Widespread Common per site from Cape York Qld to Gloucester NSW

HABITAT

Open forest, Woodland

LEAVES

Alternate, 7-15 x 2-5 cm, lanceolate, glossy dark green, discolored with no oil glands

FLOWERS

Terminal panicles of cream white flowers; buds egg-shaped with small slightly pointed bud cap;

Flowering times: Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb

FRUIT

Capsules, 10-21 x 10-16 mm, egg-shaped, broadest below the middle, mottled, dull grey scaly, rim not spreading; **Fruiting times** March, April, May, June

BARK

Crocodile like grey thick rough chunky persistent to smaller branches, Irregularly furrowed with vertical transverse cracks

TRUNK or STEM

Medium size tree butts swollen due to lignotuber present

ETHNOBOTANY

Timber pink strong and durable, restrict use to bridgework, railway sleepers, fencing and mining timber; **Apiculture:** Major pollen source *Apis mellifera* European bee and dark to medium amber strong flavour honey moderately density;

TOLERANCE

Full sun; Termites resistant; Drought tolerant;

WILDLIFE

Arboreal termite mud nests host for Kingfishers; Flowers food plant for *Pteropus scapulatus* little red flying fox, grey-headed flying fox, spectacled flying fox, Qld blossom bat, greater glider

NATIVE BEES

Flowers have a pleasant scent visited by *Amegilla sp*, *Tetragonula carbonaria*

INSECTS

Rhyparida limbatipennis (brown swarming leaf beetle), *Pauropsalta circumdata*

(Cicada), *Polystigma punctata* (Blossom Beetle) seen

MISTLETOES

Amyema bifurcata;

BIRD

Flower attracts rainbow lorikeets, scaly breasted lorikeets, scarlet honeyeater dusky honeyeater, red-tailed black cockatoo (seeds), pale-headed rosella (seeds)

BUTTERFLY

Arhopala centaurus dull oakblue, *Arhopala eupolis* purple oak-blue

INDIGENOUS USES

Leaves and oil prescribed for everything. Kino (gum) solution drunk for diarrhea and dysentery.

Leaves chewed often placed on wound to heal.

ID FEATURE

Bark rough to ends of branches + Leaves have fine parallel veins, paler underside + Flowers in terminal panicles + Capsules egg-shaped containing seeds with wings which disperse over large areas;