

Forest Red Gum

Common name: Forest Red Gum, Red Irongum, Queensland Blue Gum, Mysore Gum, Eucalyptus hybrid

Botanical name: *Eucalyptus tereticornis*

Family: Myrtaceae; **Name in Tamil:** ? All eucalyptus are called *Nilagiri Thailamaram*



Field identification: Tall evergreen trees. Bark thin, smooth, mottled, grey shedding flakes to expose underbark; Often a stocking of dark, rough bark at base of trunk. Leaves long, narrow, often curved, sickle-shaped with tapering apex; dull green/bluish green on both sides. Flowers in stalked clusters, usually in 7s; buds have long conical caps, which fall off. Fruit small, woody capsule with protruding teeth; black and shiny.

Location on campus: South Road, Ring Road, Mens Hostel Culvert

Caution: Many hybrid species are found in India making identification difficult

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