

Lemon-scented Gum

Caution: Identifying eucalyptus trees in India is difficult as there are many hybrid species.

Common name: Lemon-scented Gum, Citron-scent gum, Spotted gum

Botanical name: *Corymbia citriodora*

Name in Tamil: ? All Eucalyptus species is called *Nilagiri Thailamaran* in Tamil



Field identification: Large evergreen tree. Bark pink or grey, flaky near base; underbark cream or bluish, dimpled. Leaves narrow, smooth, scented. Flower buds in clusters, club-shaped with hemispherical cap. Flowers with long creamy stamens. Fruit large, urn shaped, sunken disc and valves.

Location on campus: Big Bungalow

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