

River Red Gum

Caution: There are many hybrid Eucalyptus species in India and mandate caution in identification

Common name: River Red Gum, Murray red gum, River gum

Botanical name: *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*

Name in Tamil: ? All eucalyptus are called Nilagiri Thailamaram



Field identification: Large evergreen tree. Trunk short, thick, often leaning to one side. Bark rough at base, smooth higher up, sheds in flakes exposing creamy white trunk. Twigs reddish. Leaves long, narrow, curved with tapering point, up to 25 cm long; dull green or grey green. Buds in clusters spherical with tip extended into a nipple. Flowers white. Gumnuts short base topped with rim with 4-5 triangular teeth, yellowish. **Location on campus:** Men's Hostel. **Reference:** Krishen, P. (2006) Trees of Delhi: A field guide. Dorling Kindersley, New Delhi.p181-2.