

Corymbia ficifolia—Red Flowering Gum

Corymbia ficifolia (Red-flowering gum) has rough, flaky and brown bark. The leaves are alternate, discolorous (darker green on the upper surface), broadly lanceolate and leathery. The specific epithet (*ficifolia*) indicates that the leaves are similar to those of rubber tree fig. Inflorescences are terminal and highly branched. Flowers are large with red, orange or pink stamens. Fruits are large, woody and urn-shaped. People are often surprised that this tree is a eucalypt because the flowers are so showy. Only two specimens of *C. ficifolia* were present on Victoria Avenue in 1992 when the first tree inventory was done. We have planted this species between Maude and Jane.



Corymbia ficifolia—Tree habit, leaves, flowers and fruits.