



## Eucalyptus Study Group

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Greetings to all, and welcome to another study group year. First of all, apologies for the wrong date headlining the last newsletter. While the issue number was correct, the year should have read 2006 rather than 2005. As nobody complained to me, I only just noticed it myself as I started this newsletter!

Subs are now due, and if you haven't done so already, please post to Elspeth at the above address. Rates remain the same as previous years, \$5 for electronic copy wherever you are in the world, \$10 for hard copy and \$20 for overseas hard copy. The membership form now includes the option of paying with direct deposit from your bank, and the ESG bank account details are included above.

I have decided this will be my last year as the study group leader, so if you have enjoyed the newsletters and got something out of your membership please think about whether you can now make a contribution by taking a turn, even for a short period, as leader. The group is now ticking over well and the paperwork is well organized; membership is high. There are no other members in WA however, and I feel the group would benefit from having a leader from the membership heartland - most members are from Victoria, NSW and Queensland. I am prepared to help out with writing and desktop publishing newsletters if that would be helpful. Please think about it. If we can spread the load, Elspeth will remain as treasurer and seedbank queen, I am prepared to continue help producing and emailing newsletters if that is desired and the new leader will take on the tasks of printing and posting hard copies and manage memberships and associated issues.

### Comments and questions:

Hilary Merritt, the president of ANPS Canberra writes -

Hi Margaret

One of our members is chasing an article he seems to recall about growing eucalypts for woodturning. Have you had anything like that in your journal? Or do you know of an article elsewhere?

*I can't find anything in my paperwork. If anybody can help, please let me know and I will pass that information on to Hilary.*

Barbara Backhouse from the Perth branch of the Wildflower Society writes -

Dear Margaret,

I'm just reading your Newsletter. There is reference to Euclid CD Rom being about \$100. It is in fact \$110 retail BUT I am prepared to supply it to members of the Eucalyptus Study Group for \$88 (including postage) if you wish to put that in the next newsletter. If they send payment to me - cheques made out to the :

Wildflower Society of W.A.(Inc.), Perth Branch to:  
 Mrs. Barbara Backhouse  
 8/38 Ednah Street,  
 COMO, 6152

*Thank you Barbara.*

Former study group leader and member **Lyndsay Daniels** writes:

I have been growing eucalypts and other natives from seed for over 30 years and I was leader of the Study Group for several years. At present I am growing native plants from seed for landcare and other groups. Most are eucalypts and all are species growing naturally in Queensland.

I am also interested in eucalypts for farm and plantation forestry. The main species in demand in Central Qld are *Euc. argophloia*, *tereticornis*, and *Corymbia citriodora* for timber.

For farm purposes such as stock shade, wind breaks erosion control and avenue planting the above species plus a number of other local species are in demand.

Two interesting hybrids that are being tried for timber plantations are *Corymbia citriodora X Corymbia torelliana*, and for wetter coastal areas *Euc. grandis X E. urophylla*.

The stupid Govt. we have has recently closed both their seed bank and the nursery that supplied native trees to the inland farming areas. Now the farmers will not be able to purchase suitable good quality plants at reasonable prices and will have to rely on private nurseries and such groups as Landcare and Greening Australia.

*Thanks for that Lyndsay. I agree, closing the nursery sounds short sighted and frustrating. It would be even better if they would put some real will into stopping them clearing any more land!*

Member from France, **Thierry Rhailhet** writes -

I know very well St-Cyr/mer...and Montrose too because I have visited Protea Flora...

We are a little nursery in south of France where we are make growing many Eucalyptus.

Our website is: <http://www.ets-railhet.fr/>

*Thanks Thierry. Lovely nursery.*

**John Purse** from the UK contributed a fine article on *E. pulverulenta* Baby Blue which I generously (!) donated to the next ASGAP *Australian Plants* (the journal) so I won't be printing it here again, in anticipation of that being mailed to all in September, but John adds:

With all the comments in the newsletter on seeking smaller species suitable for cooler gardens, I find it a little strange that none of the contributors mentioned Baby Blue. If it is allowed to grow unpruned, it gets rather straggly. But I suspect it would become quite dense and interesting if stooled every 2-3 years, and that most individuals would flower prolifically 2 years after stooling. And anything that flowers in December and January in the UK has to be tough!!

*This may be a reflection of the very wide choice that Australian gardeners have, John. We're spoilt for choice, really.*

#### **New members**

**Robert Pawley** writes -

I live on 5 acres on the western edge of the Watagan range (150 kms due North of Sydney and west of Newcastle) in a valley where I am bird scaping my garden. I am not a purist and have many Western Australian Mallees and Grevilleas.

*Welcome to the group Robert, we would love to hear more about your adventures!*

**Graham and Heather Milligan** from New Zealand have a seed catalogue and specialise in eucalypts. It can be seen at <http://groups.msn.com/MilliganSeedsandTrees>.

**Sharon Genovese** is a retired graphic artist who has a passion for growing Australian plants.

**Trevor Seppings** from Hawthorn, Vic. is a chef with a keen eye for different eucalypts

## Contributions from members

From Ian Roberts, Blythe SA, about his art and amazing paintings of eucalypt seedlings.

I was fortunate to have had a grandfather (Allan Tilbrook) who was a pioneer in this area in growing trees, & especially Eucalypts. With others he was a member of the Coolabah Club; a group that met regularly to inspect plantations & discuss trees. Some of the trees he planted in Yacka, SA in C.1910 still survive. Even now when I stick my nose in a flower of *E.conferruminata*, I'm transported back to boyhood & climbing a large specimen near his home & my wonder at the strange buds, flowers & fruits of that species. I was always amazed that the tiny seedlings he always had germinating in a car shed window could become such majestic trees. With his encouragement, & that of my woodwork teacher in Year 7 (one project was to collect a Euc species & press & write up in our work book - I misheard his instruction & ended up with 30+ specimens pressed & catalogued!), I have been growing Euc's ever since.

From 1968, having just left school to become a farmer, I purchased seed from Nindethana & Kings Park & collected seed on the Coolabah Club outings, & commenced to grow as many species as possible (ended up with about 110sp that survived in our very alkaline soil here at Blyth). The diversity of seedling leaf shape awakened some drawing instinct in me, & away I went. Originally, I had planned to paint the seedlings & later the flowers with grandiose ideas to have them all printed in book form. When Stan Kelly's books were released, I abandoned that idea, & decided I would paint "paintings" just for their own sake. This did allow me to diversify into birds & other Aussie plants.

Around 1990, I again began to grow a variety of Euc's to plant on a 40 acre property in the Clare Hills (8Km from Blyth). Here the soil is neutral to slightly acid, & opened up possibilities to growing all the species that failed at Blyth (eg my favourite, *Euc's macrocarpa*, *rhodantha*, *Corymbias ficifolia*, *citriodora* & literally hundreds of others). In growing these, my interest in painting the seedlings returned with a vengeance, & I must say I'm pleased I'd had a long break, as my skill level & knowledge of watercolours' papers & brushes had vastly improved (all of those early studies are being repainted).

I try to grow around 4-8 of each species to get a feel for a typical seedling, paint that plant & then plant out on the Windmill Cottage property (22" average rainfall, skeletal grey soil to 1 foot deep over dense shale). These days, I try to collect some seed from species from WA myself ( a daughter living in Perth gives me a good excuse to go on more field trips), & am grateful to others for supplying many species that would be otherwise unobtainable. Even after 500 species, I derive as much joy from painting a seedling as I do from the most complex bird & flower painting.

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Ian's plantings



*E. macrocarpa* ssp. *elachantha* (Dean Nicholle)



*E. lateritica* (Hi Vallee)



*E. pendens*

*Superb stuff, Ian. A must see for all members and anybody else visiting the region.*

From **Colleen Keena** in Queensland.

Many thanks for the newsletter. I really enjoyed it. The seedbank list is impressive.

Early last September, the powerline people removed a gum (*E. crebra*) that was growing up into the powerlines. It had been planted well before we came here. It left such a hole, however it has now coppiced in the most incredible fashion. Have sent some photos for you to see.



**SEED BANK LIST**

abbreviata	canaliculata	eremophila	jacksonii
acies	cannonii	erythrandra	jacobsiana
acmenoides	capitellata	erythrocoris	johnstonii
acroleuca	capricornia (see dichromophloia)	erythronema	jucunda
agglomerata	cephalocarpa	erythronema var marginata	jutsonii
aggregata	chapmaniana	erythrophloia	kitsoniana
albens	chippendalei	eugenioides	kondininensis
albopurpurea	chlorophylla	ewartiana	kruseana
alpina	cinerea	exilipes	laeliae
amplifolia	citriodora	eximia	laevopinea
amygdalina	cladocalyx	falcata	lamprocalyx
anceps	cladocalyx nana	fastigata	lanepoolei
angustissima	clarksoniana	ferruginea	lansdowneana ssp albopurpurea (see albopurpurea)
apiculata	cloeziana	fibrosa ssp nubile	largeana
approximans	cneorifolia	ficifolia	largiflorens
aquilina	coccifera	flavida	leichhardtii
archeri	codonocarpa	flindersii	lesouefii
arenacea-	conglomerata	flocktoniae	leucoxylon
argophloia	consideniana	floribunda	leucoxylon ssp megalocarpa
astringens	cordata	foelscheana	leucoxylon ssp stephanie
bakeri	cornuta-	formanii	ligulata
balladoniensis	cosmophylla	forrestiana	ligustrina
bancroftii	crebra	fraseri	litorea
banksii	crenulata	froggattii	lockyeri
baxteri	crucis	-fusiformis	longifolia
benthamii var. dorrigoensis	cunninghami	gamophylla	longirostrata
bicostata	cupularis	gardneri	loxophleba
biturbinata	curtisii	gillenii	lucens
bleeseri	cyanophylla	gillii	macarthurii
botryoides	cyclostoma	glomerosa	macrandra
brachycalyx	dawsonii	gomphocephala	macrocarpa
brockwayi	deanei	goniantha	macrorrhyncha
bridgesiana	decorticans	goniocalyx	macrorrhyncha ssp cannonii (see cannonii)
brookeriana	delegatensis	gracilis	major
buprestium	deserticola	grandis	mannensis
burdettiana	desmondensis	gregsoniana	mannifera ssp mannifera
burgessiana	dichromophloia	grossa	mannifera ssp praecox
cadens	dielsii	guilfoylei	marginata
caesia ssp caesia	diptera	gummifera	mckieanna
caesia ssp magna	diversicolor	gunnii	megacarpa
calcareana	dives	haemastoma	megacornuta
calpicola	dolichocarpa	haematoxylon	melanoleuca
caliginosa	drepanophylla (see crebra)	hallii	melanophloia
calophylla	dundasii	hendersonii	melanoxylon
calycogona	dunnii	henryi	melliodora
camaldulensis 'Lake Al-	dwyeri	herbertiana	merrickiae
bacutya'	e!ata	histophylla	michaeliana
cambageana	ebbanoensis	incrassata	microcarpa
campaspe	effusa	indurata	microcorys
	eremaea	infera	microneura
	eremicola	intertexta	microtheca

<p> miniata  mitchelliana  moluccana  morrisei  multicaulis  neglecta  nesophila  newbeyi  nicholii  nitida  normantonensis  nortonii  notabilis  nutans  obliqua  obstans  occidentalis  ochrophloia  odontocarpa  odorata  oleosa  olida  olsenii  orbifolia  oreades  ovata  paliformis  pachycalyx  pachyloma  pachyphylla  panda  paniculata  papuana  parramattensis  parvifolia  patellaris  patens    pauciflora ssp niphophila  pauciflora ssp debeuzevillei  peeneri  pellita  peltata  perriniana  petraea  phoenicea  pileata  pilularis  pimpiniana  piperita  piperita ssp urceolaris  platyphylla </p>	<p> platypus  platypus 'Red'  pluricaulis ssp porphyria  pocillum (see erythrophloia)  polybractea  porosa  porrecta  preissiana  propinqua  pruinosa  pryoriana (see viminalis ssp  pryoriana)  pteroarpa  ptychocarpa  pulchella  pulverulenta  pumila  pyriformis  pyrocarpa  quadricostata  setosa  shirleyi  sideroxylon  sideroxylon sp tricarpa (see  tricarpa)  sieberi  signata  socialis  spathulata  sphaerocarpa  squamosa  staeri  staigeriana  steadmanii  stellulata  stenostoma  stoatei  stockeri  stricklandii  stricta  subcrenulata  synandra  talyuberlup  tenella  tenuipes  tenuiramis  tereticornis  terminalis  tessellaris  tetraptera  tindaliae  todtiana  torelliana </p>	<p> torquata  torwood  transcontinentalis  racemosa  radiata  raveretiana  ravida  redunca  remota  resinifera  rhodantha  rhodops  rigidula  risdonii  robertsonii  robusta  rodwayi  rossii  roycei  rubida  rubiginosa  rudderi  rudis  sa!monophloia  salubris  sa!ubris 'glauca' (see ravida)  saligna  sargentii  saxatilis  sclerophylla (see racemosa)  scoparia  seeana  semiglobosa  sepulcralis  sessilis  tricarpa  trivalvis  -umbra ssp carnea  umbra ssp umbra  umbrawarrensii  uncinata  urnigera  urophylla (non-Aus)    -viminalis    viminalis ssp cygnetensis    viminalis ssp pryoriana    virens  viridis  wandoo  watsoniana  websteriana </p>	<p> whitei  williamsiana  willisii  willisii ssp falciformis  woodwardii  xanthaclada  yalatensis  yarraensis  youngiana (cream)  youngiana (pink)-  yumbarrana  zygophylla </p>
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**Treasurer's Report**

<b>Opening balance</b>	\$878.60
<b>Income</b>	
Subs	\$524.00
Interest	5.94
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$530.94</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Books	\$104.00
Secretarial	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$254.00</u>
<b>Total profit</b>	\$276.94
<b>Closing balance</b>	\$1155.54

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