

Angophora costata

COMMON NAME

smooth-barked apple

SYNONYMS

Eucalyptus apocynifolia Brooker

FAMILY

Myrtaceae

AUTHORITY

Angophora costata (Gaertn.) Britten

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

In cultivation becomes a massive tree with very smooth, distinctive orange or pink trunk when bark has been newly shed. It fades to pale grey in winter. Leaves in opposite pairs (cf. most *Eucalyptus* spp.), The flowers have many white stamens, 5 small white petals (*Eucalyptus* has none), 5 'teeth' representing the sepals and the cup-like base has 5 raised ribs running down from the sepals to the flower stalk (pedicel).

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[Key to the Myrtaceae of New Zealand](#)

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

THREATS

This taxon may be prone to Myrtle Rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) is an invasive fungus which threatens myrtle species - learn more myrtlerust.org.nz

YEAR NATURALISED

1987

ORIGIN

NSW

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/angophora-costata/>



Leaves of adult in opposite pairs; planted tree, Virginia Lake, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 17/06/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Ribbed capsules fallen from planted tree; Virginia Lake, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 17/06/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.