Rainbow Eucalyptus

Eucalyptus deglupta



Rainbow Eucalyptus bark
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Height: 95 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Mindanao Gum, Rainbow Gum

Description:

A soaring tree that will eventually grow quite tall; a beautiful landscape specimen, alone or in groups; orange-gray bark peels in summer, revealing stunning multi-colored new bark; intolerant of frost

Ornamental Features

Rainbow Eucalyptus is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The fragrant oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The peeling orange bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Rainbow Eucalyptus is an evergreen tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rainbow Eucalyptus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



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Planting & Growing

Rainbow Eucalyptus will grow to be about 95 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Rainbow Eucalyptus foliage
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