

Eucalyptus, Nilgiri - Plant



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Description

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Some types of Eucalyptus can be grown as houseplants and others do well only in warm climates growing outside. Most eucalyptus must be grown outside in areas where freezing does not occur.

Eucalypti are attractive plants with aromatic leaves often used in herbal preparations and for potpourri and scented wreaths. The trick to growing eucalyptus is to know they prefer cool but above freezing winter periods and moderate warmth in the summer.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Rainbow Eucalyptus,	white to pale yellow	Early summer	1.5 to 2 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Several eucalypt species are among the tallest trees in the world. Eucalyptus regnans, the Australian mountain ash , is the tallest of all flowering plants (angiosperms); today, the tallest measured specimen named Centurion is 99.6 m (327 ft) tall.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun to Partial Shade	Well drained soil	Medium	20 to 30 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Eucalyptus

- Choose a species hardy enough for your climate. Some varieties are hardier than others but eucalyptus will only become a tree in frost-free climates.
- Choose a species of eucalyptus that will fit into your landscape when mature.
- There are species from 20â€™™ to 60â€™™ (6 to 18 m) high at maturity and some make a broad tree while others are slender.
- Choose smaller trees for transplanting. Root bound plants do not transplant well.
- Select a full sun, well drained location.

- Dig a hole 3â€• to 4â€• (7.6-10.2 cm) wider than the root ball and the same depth.
- Remove the pot or any burlap around the root ball.
- Center the plant in the hole and refill the hole with the soil you took out.
- Water well to settle the soil.
- Add more soil if necessary to bring the level to the top of the root ball.
- Keep eucalyptus well watered the first season after planting.
- Donâ€™t water after the first season unless there is a prolonged drought.
- Fertilization is generally not required.

Typical uses of Eucalyptus

Special features:

Culinary use: Leaves

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose

Medicinal use: Eucalyptus is a tree. The dried leaves and oil are used to make medicine. Always seek advice from a professional before using a plant medicinally

References

<http://www.wikihow.com/Grow-Eucalyptus>