

FLOWERING EUCALYPTS

Fuchsia Mallee

(*Eucalyptus forrestiana*)

The fuchsia mallee is an attractive shrub or small tree for both public and private gardens. It is quite eye-catching because of its conspicuous pendulous brilliant scarlet flower buds and young fruits, which fade to a pale brown at maturity.

The tree grows from 9 to 20 ft. in height in its natural habitat, which extends from Salmon Gums to the south of Grass Patch. However, under cultivated conditions in sandy soil it is very much smaller, yet still very attractive.

The top photograph shows a fuchsia mallee with flowers and foliage of another of the same species in the background.



Rose Mallee

(*Eucalyptus rhodantha*)

A broad plant 4 to 8 ft. high, with occasional specimens of over 18 ft. high, the rose mallee is considered an excellent subject for cultivation. The species flowers almost throughout the year.

The rose mallee is related to the Mottlecrah, or Rose of the West (*E. macrocarpa*) and is found

naturally in a much more restricted area of the same region as this species. This is from the Hill River to some miles east of Watheroo, and then southwards, almost to New Norcia.

The rose mallee pictured appears quite happy with its environment at Perth Airport.

