

***Eucalyptus utilis***  
**Commonly: Coastal Moort**  
**Vascular Plant Family: Myrtaceae**  
 Flowers spring to early summer

*Eucalyptus utilis* is a mallee to 6m tall. It occurs between Albany and Esperance and is planted at Peppermint Grove Beach. The bark is smooth stripping off to reveal a coppery coloured trunk.



simple style is obvious in the older flowers on the top left hand side of the photograph.

The peduncle supporting the buds and later the fruit is flat and upward pointing.



The inflorescence is unbranched with 7 flowers. The buds are shortly stalked. The operculum (bud cap) is horn shaped, narrower than the base of the bud.

The fruits are barrel shaped to cylindrical with a moderately thick rim at the top. There are 4-5 valves (see insert) which open to release the seeds.



The flowers are cream to yellow, the colour arising from the numerous stamens. The



The old bark is stripping off to reveal the coppery-yellow new bark.