



## Flowering Trees

*Elaeocarpus grandis* F. Muell. (Blue-marble tree) of Elaeocarpaceae is a tall tree with layered branches. Leaves are simple, alternate, oblong, 0–12 cm long with toothed margin. Leaves turn scarlet red when old. Flowers (about 2 cm long) in racemes are borne along branches from leaf scars. They are greenish-white, bell-shaped with long stalks and five fringed petals. Fruits (2–3 cm dia) are ovoid, bright blue and edible. Seeds, up to five, are encased in a hard, pitted stone.