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Eucalyptus citriodora

[Synonyms : *Corymbia citriodora*, *Eucalyptus maculata* var. *citriodora*, *Eucalyptus melissiodora*, *Eucalyptus variegata*]

CITRON-SCENTED GUM is an evergreen tree. Native to Queensland (Australia) it has small, white flowers with numerous stamens.

It is also known as *Eukalyptus* (German), *Kaffoor* (Arabic), *Kaluptus* (Arabic), Lemon-scented gum, Lemon-scented iron gum, Spotted gum, *Talanoppi* (Telugu), and *Zitronendufteukalyptus* (German).

Oil which has a lemon scent is extracted from the leaves.

Citriodora is made up of the genus name *Citrus* and Latin *odori*- (scent) components meaning 'lemon-scented' with reference to the leaves.

Australian Aborigines often relied on these leaves to keep insects away from campsites.

The flowers yield a honey the quality of which, according to some authorities, is especially admired in Kenya.

The lemon scented oil provides a commercial ingredient used in perfumery.

The hard and heavy, strong, tough wood is used for general construction, poles, railway sleepers and tool handles, and is also gathered for charcoal and fuel. In Brazil the charcoal has been used by the steel industry.