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*Eucalyptus dives*

[Synonyms : *Eucalyptus amygdalina* var. *latifolia*]

**PEPPERMINT GUM** is an evergreen tree. Native to south-eastern Australia it has small white flowers.

It is also known as Australian peppermint, Blue peppermint, Broadleaf peppermint gum, and Broad-leaved peppermint.

Oil, which has a strong peppermint-like smell and taste, is extracted from the leaves.

*Dives* means 'rich or plentiful'.

The oil provides a flavouring ingredient for the pharmaceutical industry.

The hard, moderately strong and tough, light brown wood is used locally for some construction work.