

FACT SHEET

OLEO EUROPAEA – ‘SWAN HILL’



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Origin: Discovered in an orchard near Swan Hill Victoria, where it was a 20 year old tree that had not fruited

Habit: Small stature, erect or spreading, evergreen tree with a rounded or vase shape. 7m x 7m

Description: Foliage grey/green. Inconspicuous flowers in spring producing virtually no pollen. Fruitless. Bark is, pale grey until the trees are very old and the wood is strong and durable

Tolerances: Drought and a wide variety of soil conditions. Performs poorly on sites with strongly compacted or waterlogged soils.

Notes: Foliage is sparse enough to allow some winter light through. Long lived.

References: Metropolitan Tree Growers (2004) *The tree handbook 2004-2005: tree selections for urban planning*, 4th ed., Metropolitan tree growers Pty. Ltd
<http://www.metrotrees.com.au/treehandbook/page-listings/olea-europaea-selections.html>