

## Medicinal Plant Images



**Figure 1:** *Grevillea* spp: *Grevillea* (family Proteaceae) is a genus of approximately 360 species, most of which are native to Australia, although some species are also native to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific region. Indigenous Australians used some *Grevillea* species as a food plant and as a medicine. The leaves and bark in particular were used to treat skin sores, cuts and as a general antiseptic.<sup>[1]</sup> Recent studies have verified the antibacterial properties of one species, *Grevillea robusta*.<sup>[2]</sup> This photograph was taken in Brisbane, Australia by Dr Ian Cock in June 2010.

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**Figure 2:** Eucalypts are the most iconic Australian medicinal plants and are possibly the most useful commercially for their medicinal properties (including antimicrobial, insect repellent, pesticidal, anticough and decongestant bioactivities).<sup>[1–3]</sup> Eucalyptus is a diverse genus of trees in the family Myrtaceae. Of the more than 700 species that comprise this genus, most are endemic to Australia. A smaller number are also native to New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines. Photograph taken in Brisbane, Australia by Dr Ian Cock.

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