

Syzygium micklethwaitii ssp. *micklethwaitii*

About me: I am found in upland forests of Kenya and Tanzania. I am from the eucalyptus family (Myrtaceae). I have edible fruits like my two cousins *Syzygium guineense* and *Syzygium cordatum* and we all have white flowers and edible purple-black fruit. I am special because I have been living alone on remote hills in southeast Kenya such as Kasigau and Taita so I am slightly different. The base of my leaves is rounded and I can grow to 30 m so I am the tallest tree of the three of us.

Why I'm rare: My forest home is being cleared for farmland and to grow non-native Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus*) plantations. As a result I am now listed as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species and require conservation action to guarantee my future survival in the wild. I am also very difficult to propagate.

Taking action: The Global Trees Campaign is working with African botanic gardens, such as Brackenhurst Botanic Garden, to replant me in my natural habitat.



The Global Trees Campaign is dedicated to saving the world's threatened tree species. Find out more here: www.globaltrees.org

