

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS

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SURVIVING DRY SPELLS: THE ICONIC EUCALYPTUS

Eucalypts have a range of adaptations that make them masters of surviving dry climates.

Leaves hang vertically to reduce sunlight exposure and prevent water loss via evaporation. They also have a waxy surface which reflects sunlight and reduces water loss.

Thick bark provides an insulating layer and protects plants from fire and drying out during hot summers.

Roots are deep and expansive to search far and wide for water, which is often scarce.

