PLANT FACT SHEET

Xanthorrhoea australis R. Br.

GENUS *Xanthorrhoea* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

COMMON NAMES Grass tree, Blackboy, Kangaroo Tail

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: leaves, Grubs, Flowers - nectar, Roots

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 0.3-2 m tall. It spreads 60 cm - 1 m wide. It has a large round crown of long thin leaves. They are grass like. The flowers occur closely packed along a long spike. The flowers are white. Dead flower spikes may stay on the tree for years.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate regions. It can grow in subtropical and semi-arid places. It grows at Rocky Cape National Park in Tasmania. It can stand heavy frosts. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Tasmanian Herbarium. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Seed often take 12 months to germinate.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants grow very slowly.

PICTURES



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