PLANT FACT SHEET

Xanthorrhoea gracilis Endl.

GENUS *Xanthorrhoea* **FAMILY** Asphodelaceae

COMMON NAMES Graceful grasstree, Graceful blackboy, Slender blackboy

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The flowers are soaked in water to produce a sweet drink.
Once the flower stalk has sprouted it can be pulled out of the ground and the succulent white base chewed or ground up for the sweet white pulp.

DESCRIPTION

The trunk is absent. It has an underground stem. This means the plant can grow in clumps. It has a small clump of leaves. The leaves are 60 cm long. The flower spikes are more slender. The flower spike can be 2 m tall. The flower spike is dark brown and velvety before flowering. The flowers produce lots of nectar.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate places in Western Australia. It can grow in gravel and sand.

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