

# Local Knowledge

Tuart trees have cultural significance to the Nyungar people. They help to sustain the birds and other wildlife and provide shade. Their branches and boort (bark) may be used to construct mia-mia for shelter.

Balga (Grass trees) collect moisture at the bases of their leaves and the white flesh may be chewed to relieve thirst. Mindarie (Balga leaves) can be used as thatch for mia-mia. Their long narrow shape draws water droplets down and away from the centre of the mia-mia, keeping it dry.

## Nyungar Name

Tuart

Balga

## English Name

Tuart

Grass Tree

## Scientific Name

*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*

*Xanthorrhoea preisei*



Grass Tree



Tuart

