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## Swan River Blackbutt

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:** *Eucalyptus patens*

**DESCRIPTION:** The Yarri or Blackbutt is a tall straight tree growing up to 30 metres in height and is very similar in appearance to the Jarrah. Its common name is derived from the bark which is often blackened by fire. The unburnt bark is rough, fibrous and dark grey. Narrow blue-green leaves help distinguish it from Jarrah and Marri, with which it is often associated. The white flowers appear late spring and summer.

**HABITAT:** Inhabits the moister parts of the jarrah and karri forests on gravelly soils, sandy clay or loam where it grows in depressions, stream banks and valleys.

**STATUS:** Not threatened.

**INTERESTING FACTS:** Yarri timber is hard and durable, comparable to Jarrah, and was used for flooring, panelling, sleepers and inlays in craft work. It is one of the most non-flammable timbers in the world.

