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SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Eucalyptus diversicolor*

DESCRIPTION: Karri trees are WA's tallest trees and one of the tallest trees in the world, growing up to 90 meters high. The bark is smooth and grey to orange-yellow in blotches with leaves being much paler on the underside. The outer bark changes colour as it matures and the new bark, revealed after the old skin is shed, is much lighter giving the Karri trunk it's characteristic colours of grey, white, pink and orange. The leaves are 90 to 120 mm long, and are a dull green above and paler below, hence the botanical name *diversicolor*. The white flowers appear in Spring and Summer.

HABITAT: Karri grow on sandy loam in the wetter parts of the south west of Western Australia.

STATUS: Not threatened

INTERESTING FACTS: Other than being susceptible to termite attack, Karri is hard and tough, being used for scantling, heavy construction, ship building and flooring. Honey from Karri blossom is highly regarded.

