

THE KARRI SEED CYCLE

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The annual karri seed and floral component sampling has been completed. Samples have been collected throughout the karri areas and the following is a summary of the situation.

There is a light to mediocre crop of capsules present in most areas. However, as the number of seeds per capsule is higher than usual this year this tends to compensate for the rather poor crop of capsules. Regeneration burning will therefore be possible in most areas during this spring or autumn. Little seed is expected to carry over till next season.

The next general flowering is expected in 1973 although there should be the usual very light scattered flowering next year. As there is only a light seed crop and a pin bud crop on the trees at present, it is expected that a further bud crop may develop next year. From past experience its development may be expected to accelerate so that it contributes to the 1973 flowering. If this happens then a good to very good flowering may be expected in that year. This should result in a good seed crop in 1974/75.