

**plant type**

- native trees and shrubs

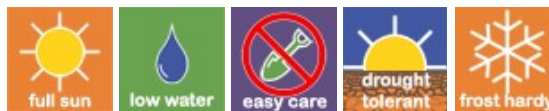
**water    hardiness**



# Xanthorrhoea johnsonii

## grass tree 'black boy'

striking advanced tree indigenous to Australia, ranging from 20cm to 1.6m. Usually single trunk which is typically black



**top ten**

bush tucker  
butterfly attracting  
drought tolerant  
small plants for small gardens  
verge planting

<b>origin</b>	act, nsw, sa, victoria & tasmania
<b>cultural notes</b>	extremely slow growing but very hardy and long lived
<b>maintenance</b>	prune old grass fronds (skirt) to shape or neaten
<b>tolerates</b>	drought and frost hardy
<b>flowering season</b>	periodically flowers in spring or after fire but not every year. The flower is spear-like and bears small white blossoms with bird attracting nectar. May produce more than one spike.
<b>flower colour</b>	small white blossoms with bird attracting nectar
<b>foliage colour</b>	thin green strap-like leaves
<b>width</b>	up to 1.6m
<b>height</b>	up to 0.2m
<b>plant spacing</b>	Depends on layout of garden, Different spacing causes different effects
<b>recommended uses</b>	excellent feature plant with bird attracting flowers

**project type**

urban and commercial  
residential  
horticultural production

**ecosystem type**

coastal hinterland  
woodland

**soil type and drainage**

light - sandy soils  
medium - loamy soils  
heavy - clay soils  
good drainage