

Xanthorrhoea australis

Austral Grass-tree

Family Asphodelaceae



Austral Grass-tree is a slow growing plant. The trunk only grows 1-2 cm per year and is often hidden by a skirt of dried leaves. Small animals shelter under the skirt. Flowers develop along a tall spike and are stimulated by fire. Insects and birds are attracted to the nectar. Plants are susceptible to phytophthora fungal disease.