

# *Eucalyptus longicornis*

## Red Morrel

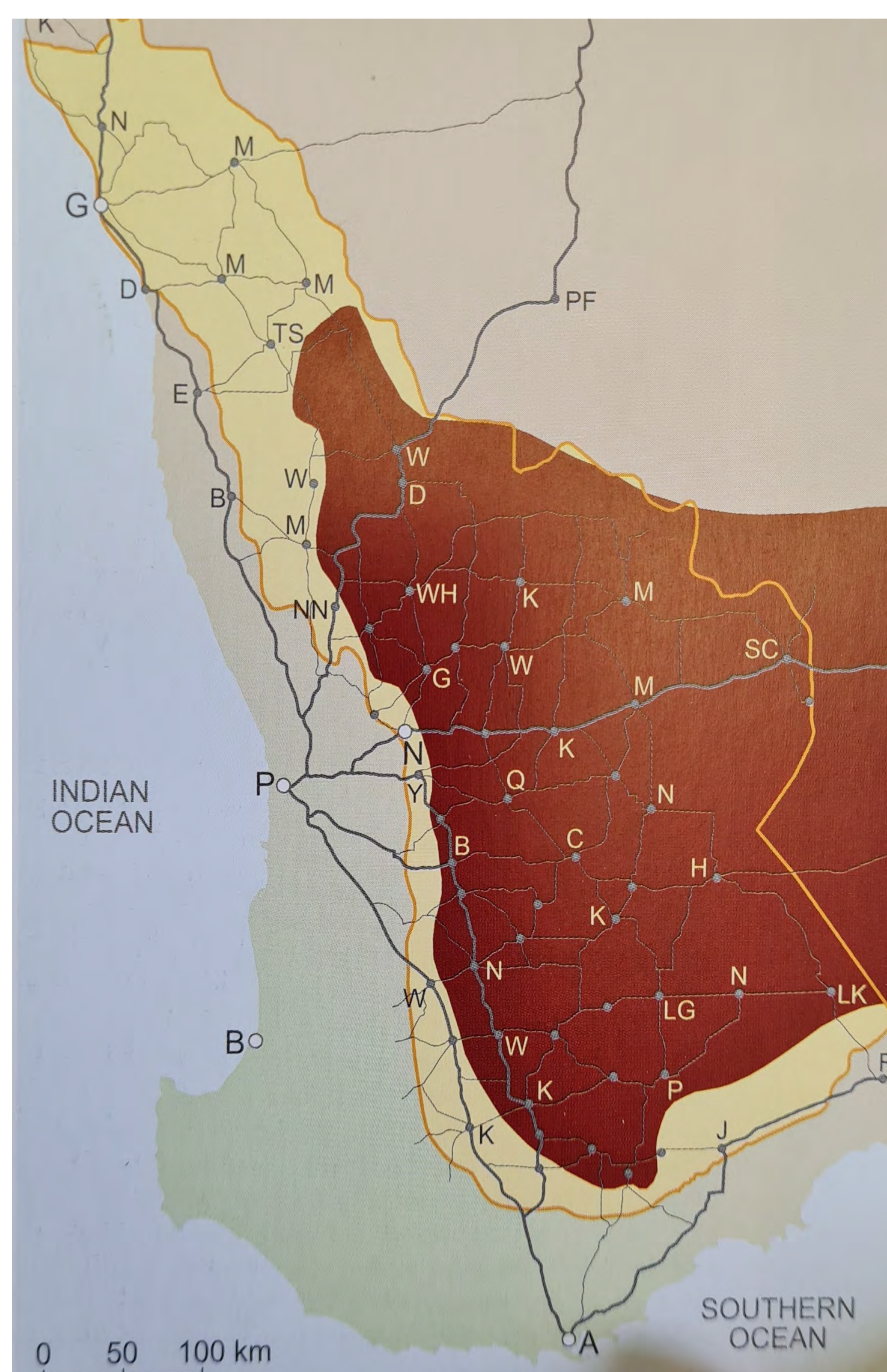
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Red Morrel on South Coorow road

*Red Morrel is a stately attractive tree distinguished by its erect stature and rough bark. It favours deep red loam soil rich in minerals across the WA Wheatbelt*

**Description:** Red Morrel is a tree that typically grows to a height of 2 to 24 metres (7 to 79 ft) and can reach as high as 30 m (98 ft). It has rough, grey brown, fibrous, often fissured bark on the trunk, smooth white to greyish bark above. It has a dense crown of glossy green leaves. The flower buds are arranged in groups of between seven and thirteen in leaf axils on an unbranched peduncle 6–13 mm (0.24–0.51 in) long, the individual buds on pedicels 4–9 mm (0.16–0.35 in) long. It occurs between December and February and the flowers are white.



**Distribution:** The Red Morrel is distributed through the WA Wheatbelt and southern Goldfields-Esperance regions of Western Australia. Its northern and western extent is Perenjori over to Coorow and Waddi Forest. It is found growing on undulating to level landscapes in loamy soils, often over limestone or clay loam on flats. The dark red loams, that are rich in minerals and often slightly saline, associated with the decomposition of the fine-grained dolerite gneiss dykes and outcropping units of the Yilgarn Block best suit the tree.

#### Environmental, social & economic benefits:

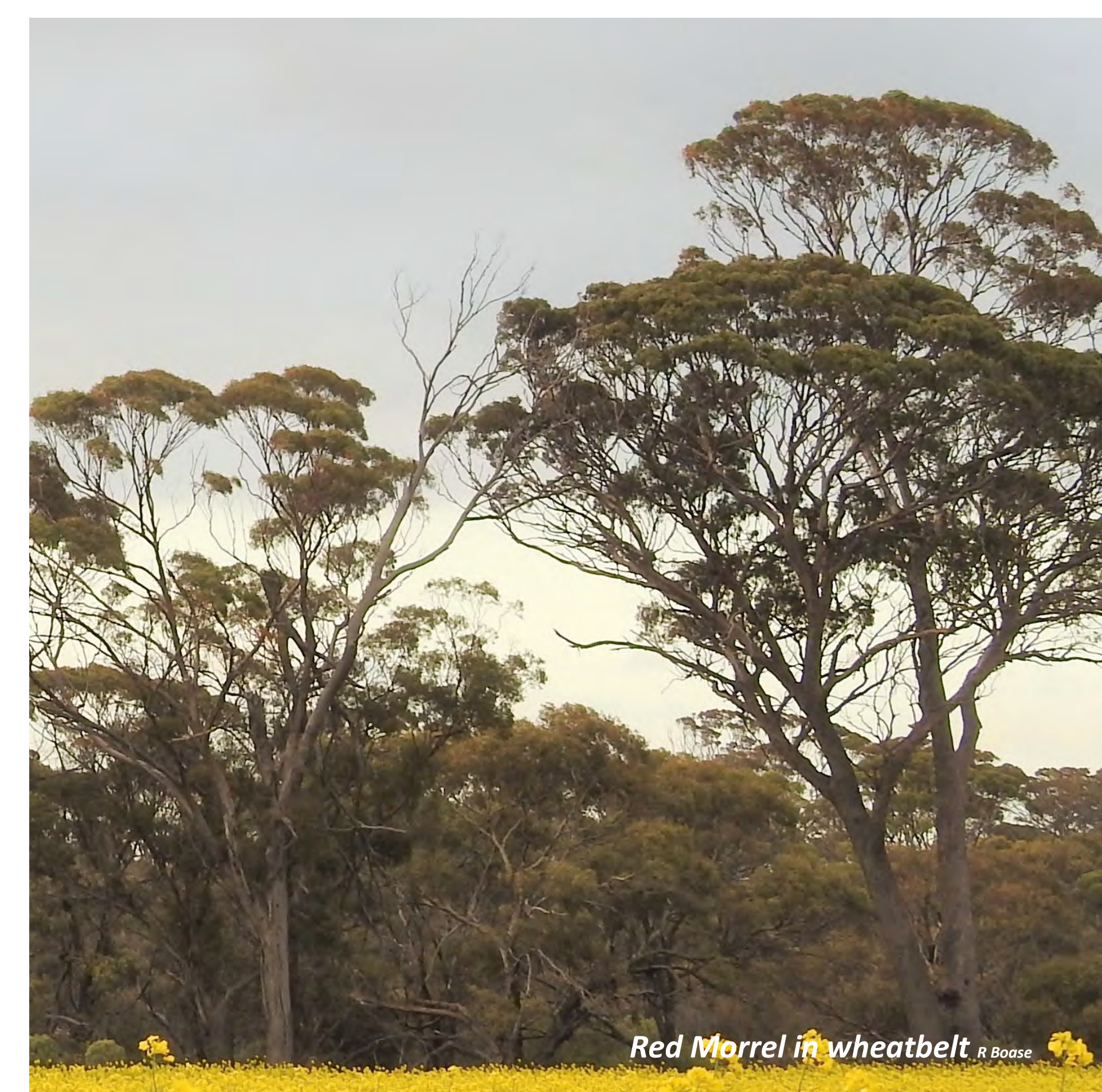
- Useful native habitat tree landscape. Tall tree useful for birds of prey to roost and hunt from. Attractive tree to view in landscape. Good revegetation tree in heavy red loam country.
- Ecosystem services for farming - Good shade and shelter tree for sheep and cattle in paddocks. Useful as part of a windbreak to help mitigate damaging winds. Helps to cool soil and encourage precipitation.
- The wood was used historically in the mining industry as a source of timber and fuel.
- The fine-textured, reddish to dark red-brown wood has considerable potential for use in high value furniture and craftwood.



Cyclone Seroja 2021 claimed some Red Morrels near Coorow



Red Morrel bark



Red Morrel in wheatbelt