

How have plants adapted to the climatic conditions found in Australia?





Water is a scarce commodity in much of Australia. Native plants have adapted to drought conditions that are periodically experienced throughout the country.

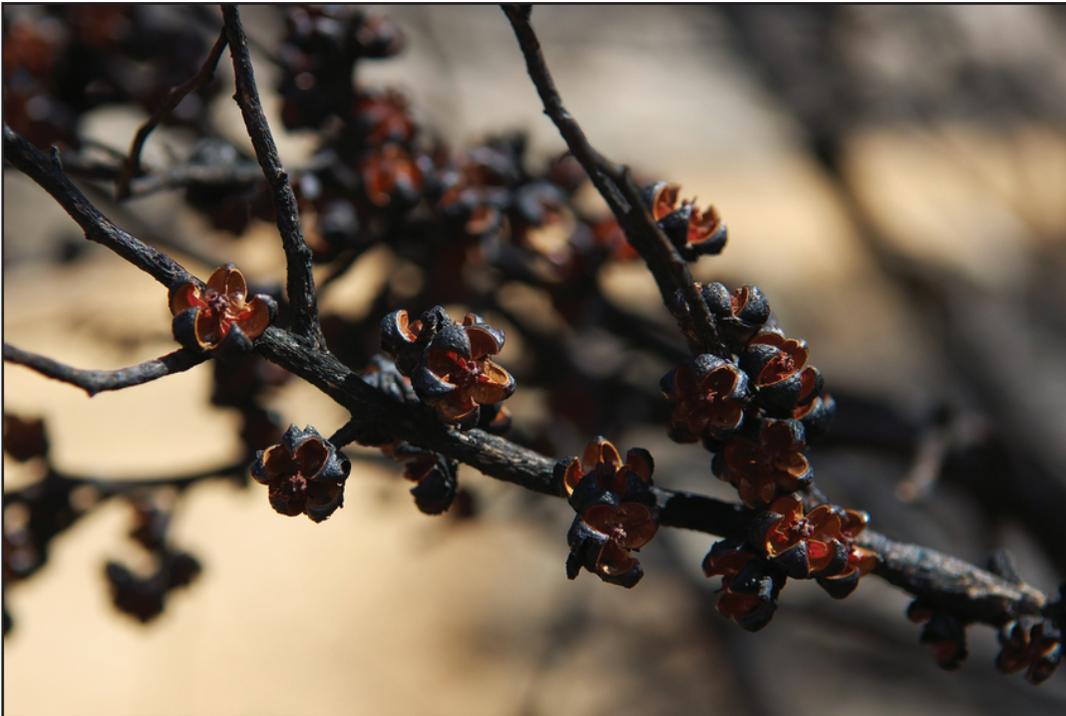
Their leaves are often small and waxy to help them retain as much water as possible.

Some plants will experience a state of dormancy during dry conditions then flourish after a period of heavy rain.





How do Australian plants cope with the harsh conditions of bushfire ?



Native Australian plants are hardy and recover quickly after the catastrophic effects of a bushfire event.

Many trees have thick bark that protects them from the heat of a fire. New shoots quickly help them regenerate. Many species have thick seed pods that will only open after a fire. The ash from the fire makes the soil nutrient rich, which enhances growth.

How do you think climate change will impact upon the Australian environment?

