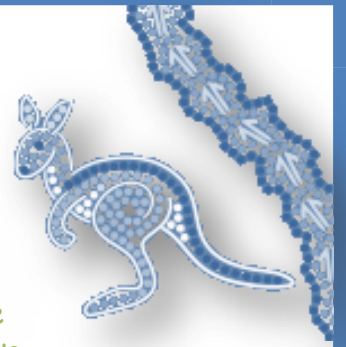


What if you had to live here?

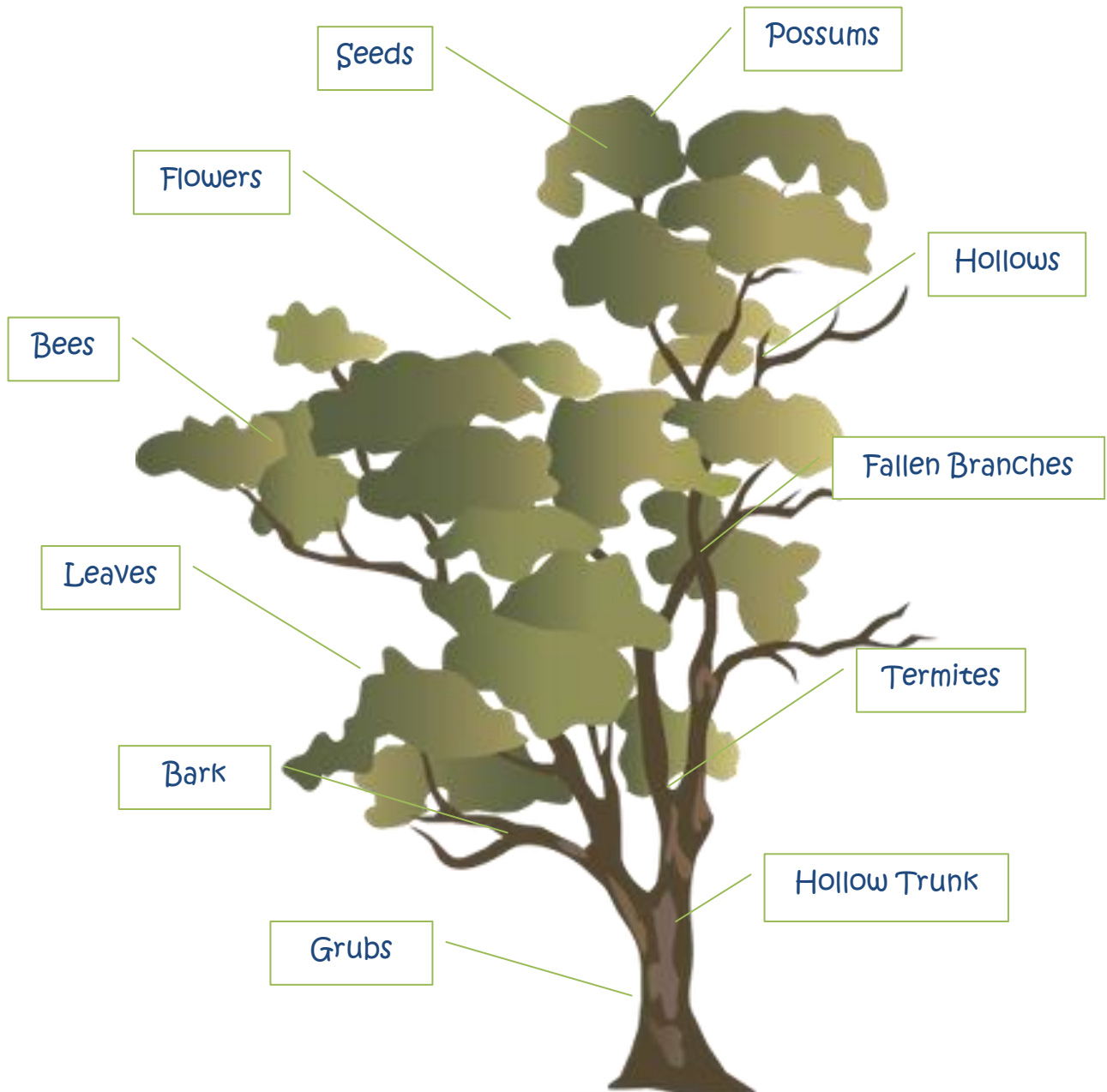
Aborigines have survived in Australia for thousands of years by getting everything they needed for a healthy life from the land and they did so in a sustainable way. The Urrbrae Wetland is planted with over 100 different plant species that would have been in this area before European settlement and Aborigines would have used areas like this to find what they needed. Do you think you could?



One plant can have many different uses depending on the seasons. Below is a picture of a River Red Gum which was widely used by Aboriginal people across Australia. Written around it are the names of the different things it could provide throughout the year.



As a group, discuss what you think each thing could be used for.





Walk around the wetland and look for the useful plants listed below. For each one, discuss how you think it was used and then record your answers.

Cyperus



Lerps



Flax Lilly



Kangaroo Grass



Native Lilac



Galls



Phragmites



Golden Wattle



She-oaks



Saltbush

