



THIS common ant nest is known by Noongars as a *wiat*. It is common for the *cardar* (race horse goanna) to lay its eggs in the base of it. A trained eye can see by certain markings if the *wiat* is in use. *Cardars* use it as a nest because it helps to incubate their eggs. It has a constantly high temperature because of rotting ant food gatherings. The goanna egg shell has an elastic type skin, preventing ants causing any damage to it. *Cardar* eggs are very popular.

BY many scratchings on the side of this white gum tree the tell-tale claw marks of the possum can be seen. The trained eye of the Noongar can tell if the tree is still being used by the possum; a delicacy in the Noongar food chain. As well as meat the possum's fur was prized by people for use as decoration and clothing. If the possum was living in the tree, steps would be cut up the trunk with axes and the possum pulled out of his nest, which is usually in a hollow branch. ■

