

Tuesday 16/07/24 – Chat with Dorothy Dixon at Yuendumu about bush tomatoes.

Me – What is the Walpiri name for bush tomato Dorothy?

Dorothy – Bush tomato or bush sultana is Wanakiji

Me – Dorothy, tell me about how you collect bush tomatoes.

Dorothy - We collect them from the ground and from the trees.

Me - So did you start collecting them as a young child?

Dorothy - With grandma and when someone has a car to take me out there, we still go.

Me - And what do you use it for? Do you usually bring it back to make a meal or do you go out and just eat it where you are?

Dorothy - Oh, bring it back and eat it.

Me - Do you collect it in winter or in summer?

Dorothy - Summer, winter, it doesn't matter.

Me - So it doesn't matter about the time of year!

Dorothy - Anytime, anytime.

Me - And do they grow in Yuendumu, or do you have to go out? Is there a place you like to go to collect bush tomato?

Dorothy - North of Yuendumu, about an hour.

Me - Thanks for talking with me Dorothy.