Nurture

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It was the afternoon lull. She had found a beautiful leaf from a marri, *calophylla*, and waved it overhead when she heard the red-tailed black cockatoos calling from the forest nearby. Sometimes, if she let them know she was there, they came close to talk, speaking their Noongah name that sounds a bit like *conrage*. So she described circles in the air with her leaf and imagined the way it looked from higher up. Soon she found the family of half-a-dozen, who kept quiet until they knew they’d been spotted, and then she hung around watching them, while one called to the others.