

## Schinus molle — Peppercorn Tree

**Scientific Name:**

*Schinus molle*

**Common Name:**

Peppercorn Tree

**Register Number:**

15

**Location of Tree:**

Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs NT

**GPS:**

-23.70107, 133.86164

**Categories of Significance:**

Aesthetic  
Historical  
Group

**Number of Trees:**

12

**Date Planted:**

1935

**Planted By:**

Mrs. Connellan

**Year Listed:**

1987



This listing refers to numerous individuals on the site of the Araluen Arts Centre. This area was the site of the first airport in Alice Springs. It was run and owned by the Connellan family and it is believed that Mrs. Connellan planted these majestic trees. Today the trees provide shade and aesthetics in the public parklands surrounding the Araluen Arts Centre and the Central Australian Aviation Museum.

The Peppercorn Tree is not native to Australia, but rather hails from the Peruvian Andes. It was planted heavily around the Alice Springs region in the 1930's and 40's for its fast growing, drought tolerance, and shade producing qualities. However in parts of Australia the species has become quite invasive.



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