

Alstonia actinophylla — Milkwood

Scientific Name:

Alstonia actinophylla

Common Name:

Milkwood

Register Number:

151 & 152

Location of Tree:

Lot 4543 Dick Ward Drive,
Coconut Grove, Darwin NT

GPS:

-12.39306, 130.85197

Categories of Significance:

Aesthetic
Size
Unique Location

Year Listed:

1992

Alstonia actinophylla is a remnant of the natural vegetation which once occupied the entire Darwin area. Milkwoods have excellent resistance to cyclone damage and were often spared by the bulldozer blade during the urban or industrial development of an area. Earlier this century, Aboriginal women would use the fine black ash from the bark of these to darken the skin of their mixed race children to prevent them from being taken into welfare custody.

These trees have possibly been removed due to recent development of crown land.

