

Old Admiralty House

Scientific Name:

Arenga engleri, *Calophyllum inophyllum*, *Samanea saman*

Common Name:

Dwarf Sugar Palm, Beauty Leaf, Raintree

Register Numbers:

23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 & 32

Location of Tree:

Old Admiralty House, 68 The Esplanade, Darwin NT

GPS:

-12.46494, 130.83997

Categories of Significance:

Size
Age
Group
Physical Features

Number of Trees:

10

Date Planted:

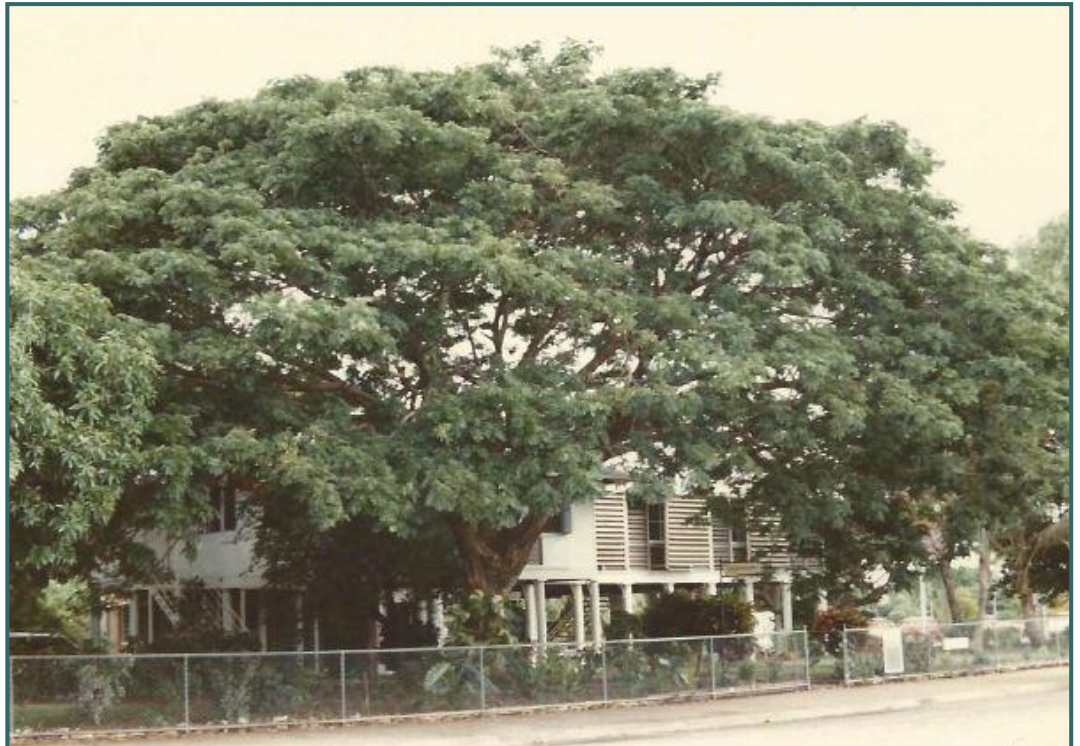
1920's

Planted By:

Florenz Bleeser

Year Listed:

1986



This garden was originally established in the 1920's by Florenz Bleeser, an active amateur botanist, who did extensive collecting of local *Eucalyptus* and in fact has a species named for him, the endemic palm *Ptychasperma bleeseri*.

Admiralty House was moved to this site in 1950 from its original Peel Street location. It is a fine example of appropriate tropical architecture in an exotic garden setting.

This is an elevated Type B (Amended) House designed by the Commonwealth Government (probably Wilfred Haslam) and constructed in 1936 on a site further down The Esplanade. It demonstrates characteristics of good tropical design drawn from buildings in SE Asia. The site was extensively modified to accommodate a restaurant that now operates on the site.

Some of the trees originally listed still exist on this block, however others have been removed over the years.



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