

# Bicentennial Park

**Scientific Name:**

*Alstonia actinophylla*,  
*Callophyllum inophyllum*, *Cycas armstrongii* & others

**Common Name:**

Milkwood, Beauty Leaf, Cycad & others

**Area Number:**

2

**Location of Area:**

Bicentennial Park, Esplanade,  
Darwin NT

**GPS:**

-12.46278, 130.83652

**Categories of Significance:**

Size  
Historical  
Cultural  
Unique Location  
Physical Features  
Group  
Habitat

**Number of Trees:**

Many  
> 33 species

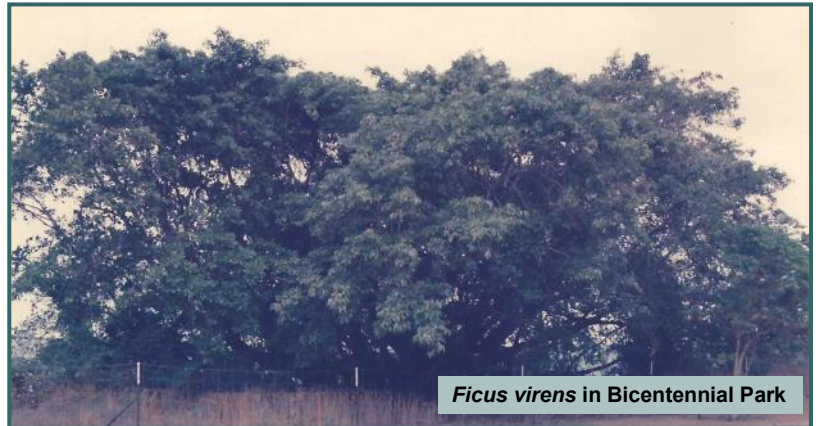
**Date Planted:**

1940's, 1947 and remnant

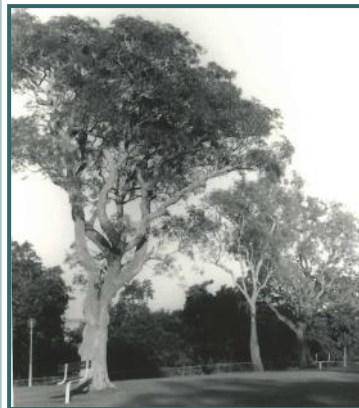
**Year Listed:**

First nomination 1986

Bicentennial Park is an area listing composed of four individual listings. Bicentennial Park was listed in 1987 as a group of trees with over 33 species for size, physical features and unique location. In addition, three individual species are listed within this area.



*Ficus virens* in Bicentennial Park



Milkwood (*Alstonia actinophylla*)

The area we know as the Esplanade was surveyed and designated as open space by Goyder in 1869. Many of these cliffside trees pre-date this time. However, due to constant use by birdlife many other species have self seeded and are thriving.

The Milkwood (*Alstonia actinophylla*) is listed for historical significance in 1989. Though its age is unknown, it was reported to be a mature tree in 1958.



Cycad (*Cycas armstrongii*)



Beauty Leaf (*Callophyllum inophyllum*)

The Beauty Leaf (*Callophyllum inophyllum*) was originally planted as an avenues of trees along the esplanade and the group of 10 trees was nominated for unique location, group and habitat in 1986. Not all the trees have survived.

The sole remaining Cycad in the central business district is a female Cycad (*Cycas armstrongii*), which originally grew in the grounds of Nancy Eddy's house at 86 Mitchell Street. These Cycads were remnants of the original vegetation of the Darwin peninsula. Nancy moved into the house in 1947 when the Cycad was just above ground level. The property was bulldozed in 1990 and George Brown had this Cycad (the tallest one on the block) moved to its present site in Bicentennial Park, just south of the UUS Peary Memorial. Other Cycads from Nancy's garden and those in Searcy Street were transplanted to the Botanical Gardens. It was listed in 1994 for its cultural significance.



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