

Gardens Park Golf Links

Scientific Name:

Alstonia actinophylla,
Eucalyptus miniata, *Ficus virens*, *Samanea saman*

Common Name:

Milkwood, Darwin Woollybutt,
Banyan, Raintree

Area Number:

6

Location of Area:

Gardens Park Golf Links, 1
Chin Quan Rd, The Gardens,
Darwin NT

GPS:

-12.45024, 130.83341

Categories of Significance:

Aesthetic
Size
Age
Cultural
Unique Location
Group
Habitat

Number of Trees:

Individuals
> 100 Raintrees

Date Planted:

1800's and 1930's

Year Listed:

First nomination 1989

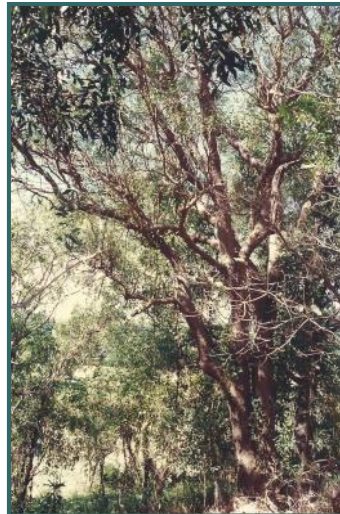
The Gardens Park Golf Links is an area listing including four separate species.

The large Milkwood (*Alstonia actinophylla*) was saved from bulldozing because it grew on a rocky slope at the boundary of Gardens Park Gold Links. Below the immaculate lawns and spreading Raintrees bear witness to the fate of the rest of the original tropical woodland vegetation. This tree was accepted to the Register because of its age, size and the significance these few remaining large specimens are to the *Larrakia* people.

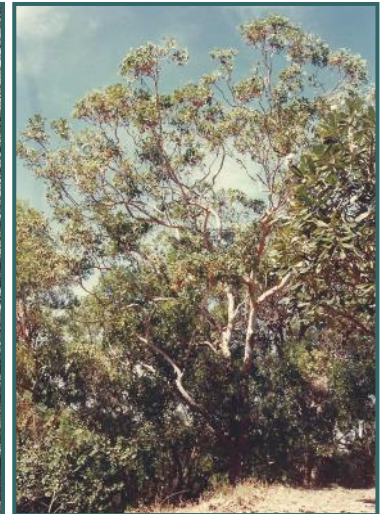
The Darwin Woollybutt (*Eucalyptus miniata*) was nominated and listed in 1996 for its unique location.

The large stately Banyan (*Ficus virens*), germinated in the 1800's, is a reminder of the vegetation occurring on the Darwin Peninsular at the time of settlement. The labyrinth of aerial roots no doubt hide the evidence of the changes in Darwin's social structure over that time. Now it is home to a myriad of bird and animal life seeking food and shelter, an oasis in the bustle of town life. This tree was accepted to the Register in 1994 for its outstanding aesthetic qualities, size, and age, as well as its contribution as habitat and the significance of all large Banyan trees to the *Larrakia* people.

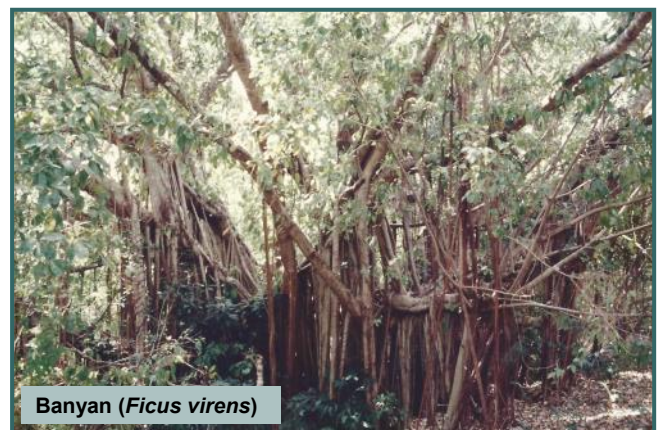
The magnificent Raintrees (*Samanea saman*) shade a parkland that is used and enjoyed by many people. Among them golfers, passing motorists, fishermen hanging and mending their nets, picnickers and children playing. In the 1920's and 1930's this area was a sewage dump. With such nutrients in the soil no wonder these trees, germinated in the 1930's, look good. The trees were nominated for inclusion in the register in 1989 for aesthetic qualities, unique location, group and habitat.



Milkwood (*Alstonia actinophylla*)



Darwin Woollybutt (*Eucalyptus miniata*)



Banyan (*Ficus virens*)



Raintree (*Samanea saman*)



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