Populus deltoides

Location

Ballarat Botanical Gardens Gillies Street North, BALLARAT CENTRAL VIC 3350 - Property No T12435

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2252

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is significant?

This Eastern Cottonwood was planted in the Ballarat Botanical Gardens in the early 1900s and is located on the north side of the fernery. It is one of the largest trees in the Gardens. The species is native to North America and is named for the cotton-like seed hairs it releases in huge volumes in the summer, giving its surrounds a snowy appearance.

How is it significant?

This Eastern Cottonwood is significant for scientific, social and historic reasons at the State level.

Why is it significant?

This Eastern Cottonwood is one of the finest examples of the species in Victoria, with an exceptionally large trunk and canopy spread. At 34.6m, its canopy may surpass that of the largest Cottonwood in the world, located at Frimley Park in New Zealand.

This tree is socially and historically significant for its contribution to landscape, and as a landmark tree in the context of Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

Condition: Good Tree Type: Individual Circumference: 6.17m Height: 38.2m Canopy spread: 34.6m Height method: Instrument Circumference method: Tape Measure Date of measurement: 18/08/2012 Age of tree: approximately 120 years

Other Names Eastern Cottonwood, Hermes Number 207089

Property Number

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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