
PLEASE PROTECT ME

I am a unique specimen tree in your area. Even though I may look indestructible, I am a very fragile tree. In order to ensure my survival, please protect me by following these suggestions:

1. Do not injure my trunk with any object or graffiti.
2. Keep all machines and weed whips away.
3. Do not pull or hang from my branches "Ouch!! It Hurts".
4. Do not over water me.
5. I respond well to a good nutrient supply with an even N.P.K. balance and supplemented trace elements



The Department of Recreation and Parks maintains and protects hundreds of heritage trees. Heritage trees are individual trees of any size or species that are specifically designated as heritage because of their historical, commemorative, or horticultural significance. Preserving these treasures is important for future generations to admire. For further information, please contact the Department of Recreation and Parks at the address below.



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FIREWHEEL TREE

HERITAGE TREE



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Stenocarpus sinuatus

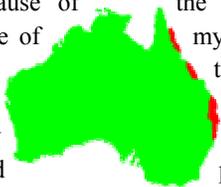
Hello!!! Welcome to Lafayette Park. Allow me to introduce myself. I am classified botanically as *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, but for you it might be



easier to remember the name FIRE-WHEEL TREE.

I was originally discovered in the tropical rain forest of the

continent of Australia. The red markings on the map indicate the exact areas where I was discovered. Because of the color and unique shape of my flowers, I was sent throughout the world to provide color and beauty for peoples gardens and parks. I am an evergreen tree which means that I



will not drop my shiny and deeply lobed leaves in the winter, and I can grow to the height of 30 feet. Because there are very few trees of my size in the city, it is very important that I be protected from any harm. Come and visit me any time and inform your family and

friends of my presence. Tell them to come over to admire my splendor and beauty.

FLOWER/LEAVES

As you pass Lafayette Park on Wilshire Blvd; you will notice a tree that may appear to be glowing with flames. What you are seeing is my magnificent and



colorful flower display. The color of my flowers are bright orange-red and they are produced in the Fall. In order to enhance my floral display, I produce my flowers at the end of my branches. Individual flowers are placed together in a group and form a structure called an "Inflorescence". Each flower stalk grows from the same, central point, resembling the spokes of a wheel.



My flowers have no fragrance. I depend on the bright colors of my flowers to attract my main pollinator the,

Australian Honeyeaters. The Honeyeaters, with their well developed sense of sight, can spot the bright color of my flowers from far away. The



www.geocities.com/ozwildlife/honeyeaters.html

Honeyeaters will fly to my flowers and will drink the sweet nectar that I produce for them. As the Honeyeaters drink the nectar, their feathers will get completely cover with pollen. When the Honeyeater moves to another flower and begins to eat the nectar, the bird will transfer the pollen and achieve the pollination. In the wild, many people have even seen flying foxes, which are a type of bat, drinking the sweet nectar from my flowers. Back in Australia, the aboriginal



www.treat.net.au/TreRFood.htm
Lumholtz tree-kangaroo

people make a special drink with the nectar from my flowers. Also, I serve as a home for many tree dwelling marsupial mammals. In addition to providing a home, my shiny leaves also serves as a source of food for many animals, including tree kangaroos and wombats.