

The Tree Survey

The tree surveying project goes ahead, month by month. As you can see from the table we are well under way to achieve our goal of tagging 2000 trees by the year 2000. This is what has been reported so far:

Area	Carer(s)	Tags issued	Data base entries	Tagged trees	GPS	Full examination	Photo
1. Kathner Street	Pauline and Gösta Lyngå	150	130	130	130	130	130
2. Chauvel Circle	Sandra Hand	419	405	405	404	78	405
3. Titheradge Place	Bess and David Sledge	439	439	439	0	0	437
4. Niblo Place	Malcolm Gill	265	0	261	0	0	0
5. Darrell Place	Paul Weiss	75	10	20	0	12	0
6. Guinness Place	Naarilla Hirsch and Jonette McDonell	261	0	145	41	30	125
7. Lincoln Place	Rachel Gregson	75	5	5	5	5	0
8. Namatjira Drive	Tina Nevins and Rohan Thomas	315	0	309	0	0	0
Total		1999	989	1714	580	255	1097

Comments: Whenever a square contains a zero, there is no information yet to the data base.

It has turned out to be efficient to tag all trees in an area first, to do GPS measurements when trees are already tagged and to make the full examination later.

The areas 1-4 are completely tagged, areas 1-3 all photographed and area 1 fully examined.

Although we now have active care takers for all the eight areas, there is plenty of scope for other to chip in and help as some of the jobs require quite a bit of time. The first jobs, tagging and photographing can easily be done simultaneously and do not require a lot of knowledge about the tree species.

Once the tagging is done, the details can be filled in at leisure:

It is quite easy to measure positions with the GPS. We have found that if two people work together, some 50 positions can be obtained in an hour. Arrange with Tony Fearnside (6288 7656) to borrow his instrument; Tony will also show you how to use it.

The final and most interesting stage is to record species, size, health, environment, bird life and habitat conditions for each tree. We have not yet found any with aboriginal markings but we are on the look-out for that as well. You may be able to examine 10-20 trees in an hour. Pauline and Gösta Lyngå will help you to get started if you are uncertain about this job.

The most daunting task, it seems, is the identification of the species. This can easily be left to someone confident or foolhardy enough to give it a go.

The data base has also got an entry for bird presence in the trees, mainly nesting, so if you have any information to add about that, let us know. Of course, you can report any interesting observation concerning trees anywhere on the ridge, not just in your area.

Give us a call if you want to be in this project.

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