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Notable Tree N° ET 110

"Pin Oak" p190

EXOTIC TREE: 110

SPECIES: ***Quercus palustris.***

COMMON NAME(S): Pin Oak.

B.B CATEGORY: Exotic Notable Tree - Local Interest.

ORIGINAL READINGS

LOCATION: Beside main path, Brooklands Park.

DATE MEASURED: 1973

HEIGHT: 53 ft (16.2 m)

CANOPY SPREAD: 48 ft (14.6 m). One sided.

DBH: 22 in (55.9 cm)

BURSTALL'S NOTES: A species not common in the region.

CURRENT READINGS

UPDATED LOCATION: Brooklands Park, 3.5 m from the main path, Maranui Gully side, Kaimata St end of lawn area, opposite the English Walnut (**Figs. 178 and 179**).

DATE MEASURED: 4th September 2001.

HEIGHT: 22.7 m

CANOPY SPREAD: 17.35 m

DBH: 70.7 cm

REMARKS: In the past the canopy has been heavily defoliated by possums and it was common practice for park staff to use firearms to try and mitigate the problem. Today, the tree is of reasonable health with little evidence of possum damage due to effective modern control measures.

Larger lower limbs have been removed relatively recently.

The form of this tree is not entirely typical of this species as the majority have a straight trunk bearing a dense canopy of shoots, which grow, at a downward angle, as a sort of high skirt unlike the specimen recorded above which has two leaders and an open canopy

(*Medbury, 1986: Ht = 21.65 m, dbh = 63.1 cm.

Planted c. 1910).