

Excerpt from “The Notable Trees of New Plymouth”, 2002

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EXOTIC TREE: 21

SPECIES:

Camellia japonica.

COMMON NAME(S): Camellia. Double white form of unknown origin.

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

ORIGINAL READINGS

LOCATION: Hatchery Lawn, Pukekura Park.

DATE MEASURED: 1973

HEIGHT: 39 ft (11.9 m)

CANOPY SPREAD: 45 ft (13.7 m)

DIAMETER AT 3 ft: 15 in (38.1 cm)

BURSTALL'S NOTES: Blooms profusely throughout June and July.

CURRENT READINGS

UPDATED LOCATION: Pukekura Park, Hatchery lawn, Main Lake end.

DATE MEASURED: 1st September 2001

HEIGHT: 13.5 m

CANOPY SPREAD: 19.95 m

DIAMETER At 90 cm: 52.2 cm

REMARKS: Extremely large spread for a camellia (**Fig. 78**), branching from just above 1 m into five main limbs which sweep to the ground. Healthy tree, well located at the far end of the Hatchery Lawn, bearing attractive double white flowers in winter.

(*Medbury, 1986: Planting date unknown. Possibly pre 1900.

Ht = 13.5 m; diam below fork = 47.8 cm.)

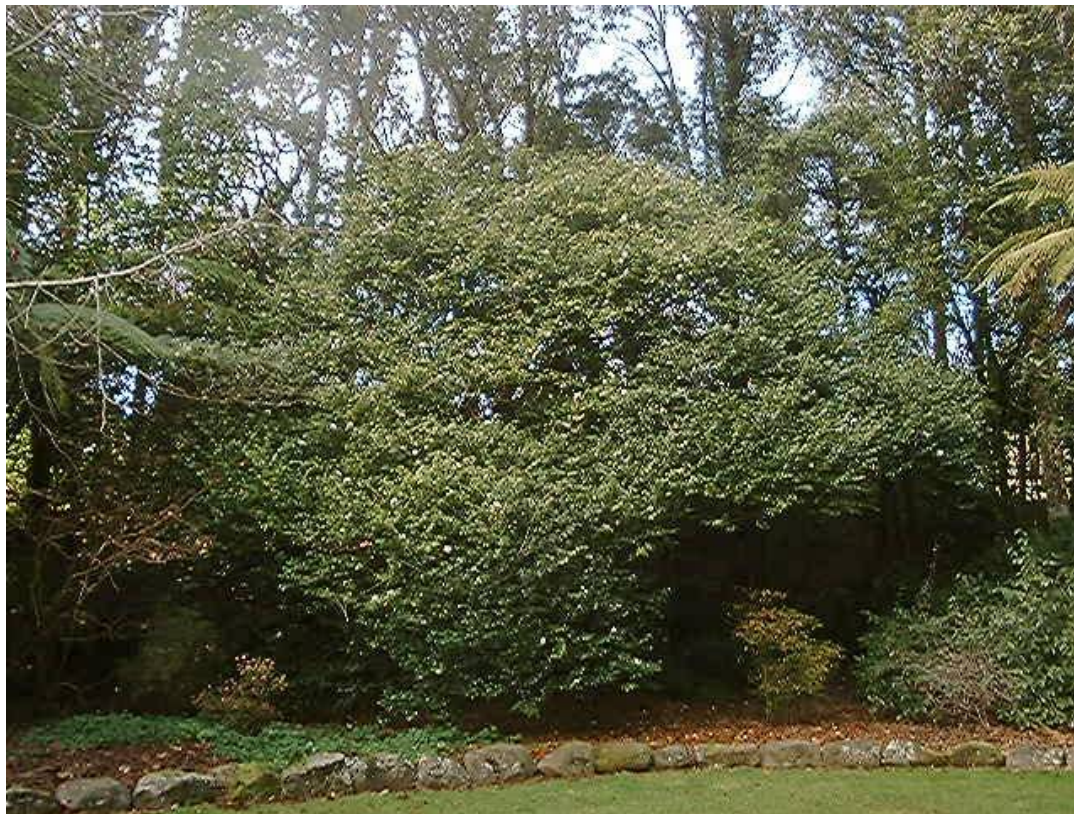


Fig. 78