



Kauri Pine

Agathis robusta

fact sheet

Agathis

There are twenty species of *Agathis* that are native to the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and Chile. The genus includes many important timber trees. As with other members of this family, *Agathis* spp. are evergreen conifers.

Kauri pine

This pine is found in the north and south of Queensland. There are fine examples growing in the pure sands of Fraser Island. A tall tree attains up to 50m in height and 1.8m diameter, but the height in Sydney is more likely 30m. Though column-like in shape, in maturity the canopy tends to spread and become quite squat. Leaves are in pairs with no stalk, glabrous, green and shiny above, pale beneath. New growth can be pinkish to bronze in tight rosettes resembling flowers from a distance.

In the Parklands

Apart from the odd tree found in Centennial Park and at Moore Park Golf Course, the best place to see these trees is in Parkes Drive looking south. This planting is called the Avenue of Nations made up of 167 trees in 3 rows to Dickens Ave then 2 rows to Grand Drive. They were planted in 2000 for the Centenary of Federation in 2001. They are the replacement species for the avenue of Phoenix palms that adorned Parkes Drive. Three Kauri pines are included in the Native Pine Grove.

Features

The colonnade effect of the massive avenue planting that lines Parkes Drive from Grand Drive to Grand Drive in the south. In spring a flush of new growth spreads through the length of the avenue. Look for the pink, bronze and lime green colours as the new growth opens and expands into a dark green.

