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## Erythrina sp.



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### Location

Monash University, Wellington Road,, CLAYTON VIC 3168 - Property No T12177

### Municipality

MONASH CITY

### Level of significance

State

### Heritage Listing

National Trust

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### Statement of Significance

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Contribution to landscape

Outstanding example of species

The Bat's Wing Coral Tree (*Erythrina* sp.) is located in the Monash University Systems Garden, which was established in 1972 as "living laboratory for science students". The garden features a number of rare and endangered species the Aroid family being particularly well represented. Other rare plants of note included the Cabbage Palm (*Livistona australis*) from East Gippsland, the Elephant Yam (*Dioscorea bulbifera*) from Africa and a Maidenhair tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) grown from seed from a temple tree in Japan. At one time, the garden was linked to a network of 35 international universities and Botanic Gardens, which fostered plant and information exchange. This Bat's Wing Coral Tree (*Erythrina* SP.) is an outstanding specimen from the original garden. The consensus of experts is that this is the best specimen of its kind in Melbourne and there is genuine surprise that it's grown so well, far removed from its natural habitat in tropical parts of northern and north-east Australia

Measurements: 26/03/2012  
Spread (m): E-W 10.9; N-S 14.1  
Girth (m): 5.04 multi-stemmed  
Height (m): 12  
Estimated Age (yrs): 40  
Condition: Good

Access: Unrestricted  
Classified: 24/09/2012

Other Names      Bat's Wing Coral Tree,  
Hermes Number    191410  
Property Number

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