Wollemi Pine

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Overview





The Wollemi Pine is a plant that was thought to be extinct for millions of years until its unprecedented discovery a few decades ago. The Wollemi Pine is known for its bark and as you might assume, its rarity.



Discovery & Documentation

- Discovered in 1994 by David Noble 150km away from Sydney In a "Secret" location.
- Officially documented in 1995 after finding proof of the existence of the plant

Conservation



The conservation status is endangered



Scientists have managed to reproduce the plant from twigs and leaves instead of seeds



Seeds too high up on the plant to safely collect



To prevent it from extinction, it was sent to other botanical gardens around the world



Why it became Famous

• The main reason is that it was thought to be extinct for millions of years

Availability



The Wollemi pine was first publically available in 2005 after the Sydney Botanic Garden exported the plant to the rest of the world.



Its immediate popularity helped surveyors find out the ideal weather temperatures it preferred to be in and other factors that significantly helped its chances of survival.

History

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It is said to be the oldest existing plant in the world 02

It is 200 million years old

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One of the world's rarest trees 04

One of its ancestors lived during the jurassic period

Fun Facts



Sources

- What the Flora!?
- DCCEEW
- My Observations
- CSIRO

Thank you for listening!

