

Ghost Gum

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Although it came to the Arboretum under another name, this beautiful tree is probably *Eucalyptus pauciflora*. Commonly called Ghost Gum, its white trunk and branches make this name more fitting than most common names. Its startling white trunk turns to silver late in the year. This tree has yet to bloom. Its grey-green leaves are 5-6 inches long, they hang gracefully from the branches and are set widely enough apart for the tree to give very light shade. The branches are so evenly spaced that no pruning has been needed above the lower part of the tree. Planted in 1950, it is located in the west acres up near Golden West Avenue, where with a spread of forty feet and height about the same, it will soon be a feature of the skyline. None of the usually expected mess of leaves and twigs is ever found under this one and it is hoped that future plantings of it bear these same good features.

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Ghost Gum, *Eucalyptus pauciflora*, twelve years old, about 40 feet tall. Photo: Denis Kucera.



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