Dawn Redwood

Metasequoia glyptostroboides

Until 1941 this was a tree known by palaeontologists only; the discovery of live specimens in south-west China was as remarkable as the recent discovery of Wollemi Pine.

This specimen is the largest Dawn Redwood on campus and is starting to show fluting of the trunk. This is a characteristic of the original Chinese tree that was propagated (Cloned). Recent seed imports without this basal flaw are being used to assess its suitability for forestry. This is a fast growing species with the potential to grow to 40m. As an amenity tree it is shapely and deciduous with good autumn colour.