

CAN YOU BEAT THIS ONE?

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It is well known generally in the Department that Mundaring has, in its Greystones Compartment 3, one of the finest stands of *Pinus radiata* in Australia.

Perhaps less well known is the existence of some extremely fine stands of *Pinus pinaster*. Recently I climbed and measured a tree in Darkin, Compartment 5, approximately 10 miles South-East from Mundaring Weir headquarters.

This tree is the tallest *Pinus pinaster* we have measured locally, so far, but we think there may be even better ones elsewhere in the Division.

Here are the details:-

Darkin Compartment 5: Original spacing 8' x 8' - 2 year old stock

Age at Feb., 1959 - 25 years DBHOB - 14.5 ins.

Height to 4" DUB - 84 feet Height to tip - 96 feet

Height	DOB	BAOB	Vol 10' Log
5'	14.2	1.09950	10.995
15'	13.0	.92172	9.217
25'	11.4	.71320	7.132
35'	10.2	.56745	5.675
45'	9.8	.52382	5.238
55'	8.8	.42337	4.234
65'	6.8	.25220	2.522
75'	5.2	.14755	1.476
Odd 4' log	4.3		.4034
TOTAL VOLUME OVERBARK TO 4" CROWN :			46.89 cubic feet

Has anybody measured a taller specimen of *Pinus pinaster*?