

CASTLE HILL HERITAGE PARK

Blue Gum High Forest



The bushland throughout Castle Hill Heritage Park is known as **Blue Gum High Forest**. The towering trees reach up to 30m high and are surrounded by a moist understorey of shrubs, ferns, and vines.

Blue Gum High Forest is a **critically endangered** ecological community. Less than 5% of this forest is left across Sydney due to clearing for urban development and agriculture.

The patches of Blue Gum High Forest that remain are often impacted by weeds, pests and rubbish dumping.



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Plants & Wildlife

The main canopy trees are Sydney blue gum (*Eucalyptus saligna*) and Blackbutt (*E. pilularis*), with some Forest oak (*Allocasuarina torulosa*) and Sydney red gum (*Angophora costata*). In the moist gullies you are likely to find rainforest species such as Cheese trees (*Glochidion ferdinandi*) and Lillypillies (*Acmena smithii*). The bushland is also home to a range of wildlife including the Powerful Owl.

Bushland Recovery

A grant from the NSW Environmental Trust will allow Council and the Bushcare Group to rehabilitate **2.8ha of Blue Gum High Forest**. Weeds will be removed from along the creek including Privet and Lantana. Bush regeneration and pest control activities will then help the native plants to regenerate. The project will run for three years.



How can you help?

You can also help preserve our local bushland by:

- Joining a bushcare group
- Not dumping green waste and rubbish in bushland
- Removing weeds from your garden to prevent their spread
- Planting native plants in your garden to help attract native wildlife



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