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The Wonderboom, Ficus pretoriae, north of Pretoria. April 1965

The central parent trunk was $12\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter.

The secondary growth consists of 7 separate daughter groups but two of these form grand-daughters which form a third circle around the central parent.

The whole canopy is given as about 165 feet in diameter, and about 75 feet high. \bar{M} measurements were 186 feet.

The mother tree consists of 5 close-growing stems and her canopy is about 99 feet overall.

A notice at the site says that this tree was probably able to develop in this way ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ through being held sacred and dedicated by burial to a chief and then given tribal protection.

Although it is large overall it ~~is~~ attains this by virtue of the daughter and grand-daughters groups. The fig tree at Kaffir drift has 5 central stems and no daughter groups. It is about 168 feet in diameter of canopy, i.e. without the secondary groups. The bif fig tree in Pathurst village has only one central stem yet its canopy diameter is 162 feet in diameter i.e. from ONE stem.