

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa. Within the Eastern Cape, land desertification is due to the increasing pressure of livestock on pastureland. Nowadays, the increasing scarcity of vegetation cover and the degradation of local farmers' land and surrounding reserves are causing many negative environmental effects, such as the drying up of water resources, loss of biodiversity and soil erosion.

The aim of this planting project is to restock these areas with small-leaved Spekboom trees, a true keystone species, which is essential to the functioning of the ecosystem in South Africa. The Spekboom is an organism that has a disproportionately large impact on its ecosystem relative to its population size, helping to maintain the structure and biodiversity of the community. When removed, the ecosystem changes dramatically, often leading to a decrease in biodiversity, which has happened in these parts of South Africa. The trees will be planted approximately 2 yards apart from each other and in a random arrangement. Their subsequent natural regeneration will create a natural ecosystem rich in animal and plant diversity. Our planting partner also offers training to local farmers enabling them to develop environment and ecosystem-friendly livestock farming.



You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link: <https://bit.ly/4p2l1el>.

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in South Africa, Africa, and the world. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting as the reforestation project conducted by The Gifted Tree takes place in a large area. There is no plaque designating your gift tree and it is not possible to visit the tree.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/.

