

# **DIARY OF A TREE...**

**Alcoa Europe - San Ciprián 2003**

# My origin...



This one is the only picture I have with my parents: "Family picture"

I'm only a tree.

I was born 25 years ago when my parents, Veiga and Coedo, decided to plant me in the open area in front of the Laboratory, in San Ciprián location.

That day they were very young and now they look like as old as me.

At the beginning I was the only ornament there, and the square wasn't as beautiful as now.

# How I am...

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My scientific name is *Platanus hispánica* and I belong to Platanaceae's family.

I blossom in April and give round nuts which ripen at the end of the summer.

The picture shows my sheets in warm seasons but unfortunately, they are deciduous so I lose them in cold seasons.

# My privileges...



I know I'm very high (the highest of all the trees in my area, eh, eh) but I will be able to reach 35-40 m.

From here I can see a lot of people:

- People coming to the canteine.
- People working into the buildings around me (through the windows)

And I am very healthy and resistant so I will be here for many years... Looking at all these people...

# My privileges...



I receive a lot of light from the sun...



And I give shadow to everybody

# New friends here...

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Since 1999, a Plan called “One Million Trees” (now “Ten Million Trees”) has brought me a lot of friends, here and outside:

1- Outside, because Alcoa gives trees to people in order to plant them in another place.

2- Inside, because with each group of new people or visitors, a new tree is planted in the location.

Here you have the beginning moment of some of my friends here.

It's my personal album...

# Day of tree (March 2003)



# A children visit (March 2003)



# A children visit (April-2003)

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# An Association visit (May-2003)



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# A youngs visit (May-2003)

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# In Xove School (June 2003)



These pictures are not inside the location but it was the same Plan. They are “outside” friends”.

More than 30 people, students, parents and teachers from the Xove School, has participated in environmental education.



# Visit of employee's families (August 2003)

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Following the program of the employee's initiatives, was received the first group of employee's families.

And a lot of friends more (4129 in total until sept 2003)  
but I haven't got more pictures of them.

Here you have the complete list...

# In 1999

YEAR	Nº	KIND (english)	KIND (spanish)	DIMENSION	Place	Occasion
1999	3	Birch	Abedul	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	4	Catalpa	Catalpa	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	2	Oak	Roble Americano	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	2	Ash	Fresno	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	2	Basswood	tilos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	6	Ligustrum Japónica	Aligustres	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	4	Sycamore	plátanos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	4	Boxelder	arces	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	160	Buxus	buxos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	1	Palm	palmera	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	2	Common Olive	olivos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	600	Ligustrum Japónica	Aligustres	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Parque maquinaria y jardín comunes	"Beautification"

# In 2000-2002

YEAR	Nº	KIND (english)	KIND (spanish)	DIMENSION	Place	Occasion
2000	22	Cottonwood	chopos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardines comunes	"Beautification"
	10	Fir	abetos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardines comunes	"Beautification"
	1435	Leylandis Cypres	ciprés de Leylandis	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Valla perimetral, Barxa, Vapor	"Beautification"
	650	Eucalyptus	eucaliptos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Valla perimetral, Alúm. Espec., Vapor	"Beautification"
	210	Autochthonous trees	árboles autóctonos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Alúm. Espec, aluminio, comunes, campo tiro, Puerto	"Special ceremonies"
2001	400	Leylandis Cypres	Ciprés de Leylandis	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Barros Rojos zona de balsas	"Beautification"
2002	320	Leylandis Cypres	Ciprés de Leylandis	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Entrada de Lieiro	"Beautification"
	50	Autochthonous trees	árboles autóctonos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Entrada de Lieiro	"Beautification"

# This year:

YEAR	Nº	KIND (english)	KIND (spanish)	DIMENSION	Place	Occasion
2003	1	Sweetgum	Liquidámbar	"Trees planted by employees on Alcoa sites"	Entre edificio EHS y SGTs	Special ceremonies (tree day)
	20	Azalea	Azaleas	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Jardín comunes	"Beautification"
	100	Leylandis Cypres	Ciprés Leylandis	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Exteriores al Complejo	"Beautification"
	56	Holly	Acebos	"Trees donated to schools"	-	Visit Colegio Pedrosa Latas
	2	Basswood	Tilos	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit Colegio Pedrosa Latas
	50	Pine	Pinos	"Trees donated to schools"	-	Visit C.P. de Palas de Rei
	1	Pseudoacacia	Pseudoacacia	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit C.P. de Palas de Rei
	1	Prunus	Pruno	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit C.P. Palas de Rei
	1	Prunus	Pruno	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit I.T.I. De la U.P. de Madrid
	1	Prunus	Pruno	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Asociación "A Landra"
	1	black locust	Robinia	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit I.E.S. "Monte Castelo"
	1	Prunus	Pruno	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	C.P. de Feal
	1	mulberry	Moreira	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit I.E.S. "Nº 1" de Lugo
	1	Eleagnus Angustifolia	Eleagnus	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit I.E.S. De Foz
	1	Chinaberry	Melia	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit Asoc. Vecinos de Roxos-Villestra
	1	Albizia procera	Albicia	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit C.P.I. "San Tomé do Carballo"
	1	Albizia procera	Albicia	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit Colegio Marista La Inmaculada
1	Liquidam	Liquidámbar	"Trees planted on Alcoa sites"	Oficinas Grales.	Visit of employee's families	
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And I expect to receive a lot of  
new friend trees next years...