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Coat of Many Colors



Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a coat of many colours. – Genesis 37:3

The rainbow eucalyptus tree is undoubtedly the most beautiful tree ever. Its bark looks like it was painted by an artist using a palette full of pastel pigments. Surprisingly, this tree's coat of many colors actually

comes from the way its bark peels off the tree.

According to research botanist LariAnn Garner: "As the newly exposed bark slowly ages, it changes from bright green to a darker green, then bluish to purplish, and then pink-orange. Finally, the color becomes a brownish maroon right before exfoliation occurs." She also notes that "since this process is happening in different zones of the trunk and in different stages simultaneously, the colors are varied and almost constantly changing. As a result, the tree will never have the same color pattern twice, making it like a work of living art."

The rainbow eucalyptus is also among the fastest-growing trees. It begins as a seed smaller than an ant and grows as much as eight feet per year, eventually rising up to a height of a hundred feet. And here's a surprising fact. These rainbow-colored trees are used mainly to make white paper!

Though evolutionists attribute the tree's colors to natural selection, we must point out that there are many other kinds of trees with peeling bark – including several varieties of maple trees – but the bark of these trees do not undergo a color transformation like this. Evolution had nothing to do with it. These trees are, indeed, a living piece of art painted by their Creator!

Ref: L. Garner, "Under the Rainbow," *Ornamental Outlook*, 9/06. Photo: Rainbow eucalyptus trees. Courtesy of Amelia. (CC-BY-SA 2.0)

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