

Common, English or Pedunculate Oak

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 40

Latin Name: *Quercus robur*

Range & Habitat: Very widespread in Britain and much of Europe on heavier soils, it is the climax species in much British Woodland.

Height: to 40m

Uses: It produces the most versatile timber and is used in timber framed buildings, for furniture, barrel making and particularly ship building before the advent of steel.

A large and familiar deciduous tree, broad and irregularly domed, it has low twisting and spreading branches, it is often confused with the sessile oak but its leaves are more irregularly lobed. The acorns are borne on long stalks (peduncles) hence its name.

Why is it our tree of the month? The oak supports over 240 other species and is particularly important over the summer months.



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