

### Rowan (Mountain Ash)

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 37

Latin/Botanical Name: *Sorbus accuparia*

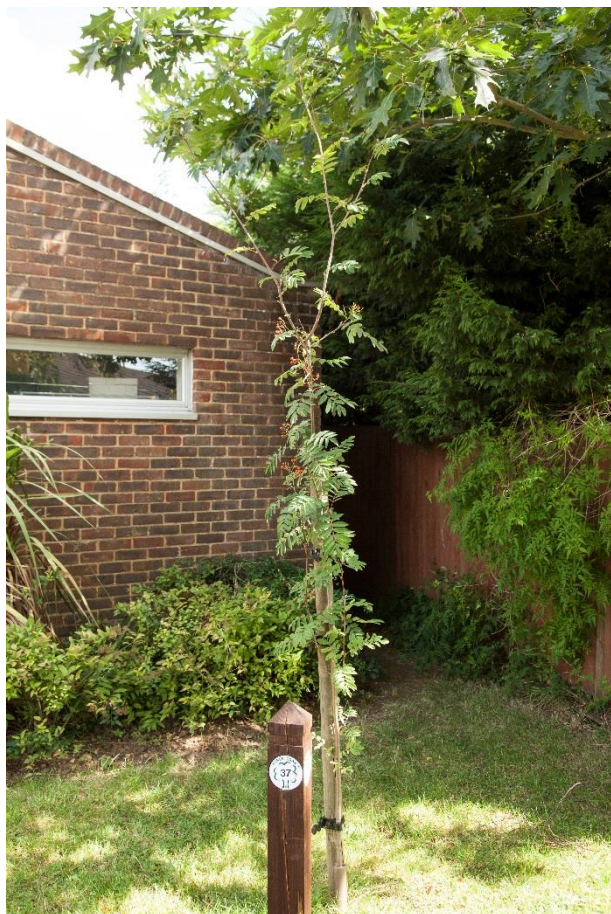
Range: Native to cooler regions of the northern hemisphere.

Height: to 20m (and can live for up to 200 years).

Uses: The wood is used for tool handles, and spindles and spinning wheels and make excellent walking sticks, also suitable for carving. The bark and berries have been used as in dying and in the tanning process. The berries have been used to make alcoholic drinks.

Description. The bark is smooth and silvery grey, and leaf buds are purple and hairy. Leaves are oval and toothed with about 15 leaflets. Flowers have creamy white petals and fruits develop into scarlet fruits.

Interesting fact: In mythology the rowan has long been associated with magic and witches. It has been planted near houses and in churchyards to protect them against spirits. In Scotland cutting down a rowan was considered taboo.



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