

Turkey Oak

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 15

Latin/Botanical Name: *Quercus cerris*

Range: Native to southern Europe, introduced to the UK in the 18th century.

Height: usually up to 30m, occasionally 40m.

Uses: Ornamental, but also for timber.

Description: A deciduous conical tree, bark is grey-brown and forms square fissured plates. Leaves are oblong and regularly lobed with 6-10 pairs indented halfway to the midrib, the upper surface is rough. Acorns are half enclosed in a cup which is covered with long pointed scales curving outwards. The leaves and acorns distinguish it from the Common Oak.

Interesting fact: It is less widely planted now, due to the damage its gall wasp, *Andricus quercuscaliciscan*, cause to native oak acorns. In 1998, the Ministry of Defence ordered the felling of all Turkey Oaks on its UK bases.



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