

Common or Black Mulberry

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 25

Latin/Botanical Name: *Morus nigra*

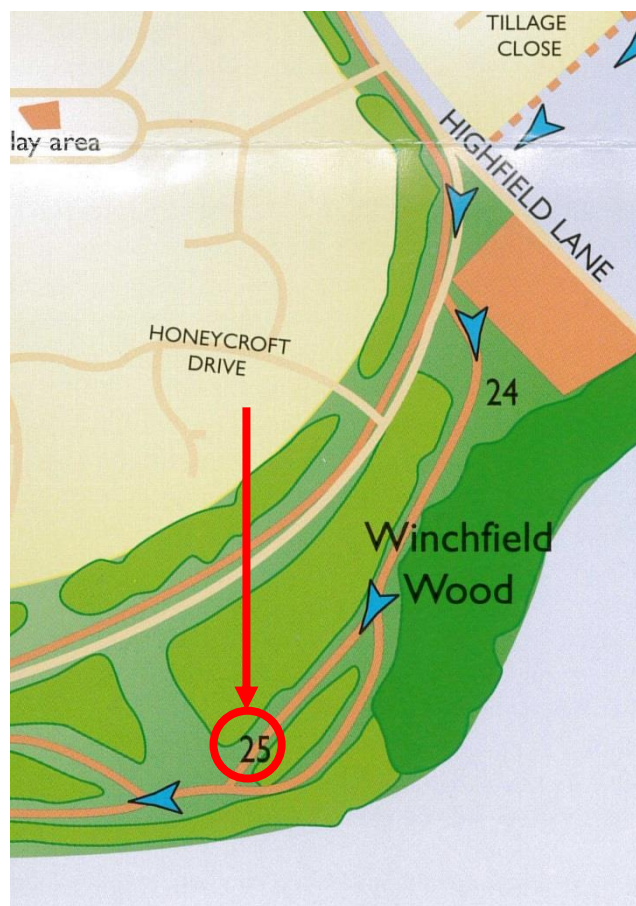
Range: Native to south west Asia, but cultivated in many parts of Europe.

Height: Up to 12m.

Uses: Cultivated for its dark purple, almost black edible fruit.

Description: It often has a short gnarled and creviced trunk with orangy-brown bark and low spreading branches. The leaves are dark green up to 20cm with a rough hairy feel. The fruits look like a large blackberry and are a collection of drupes called a syncarp; they tend to ripen over an extended period.

Interesting fact: The black mulberry was imported into Britain in the 17th century in the hope that it would be useful in the cultivation of silkworms. It was unsuccessful because silkworms prefer the white mulberry, but this has left a legacy of large and old trees in many country house gardens.



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