

Common Hawthorn

There are many examples throughout the park this one is on the Cell Barnes side of the park.

Latin/Botanical Name: *Crataegus monogyna*

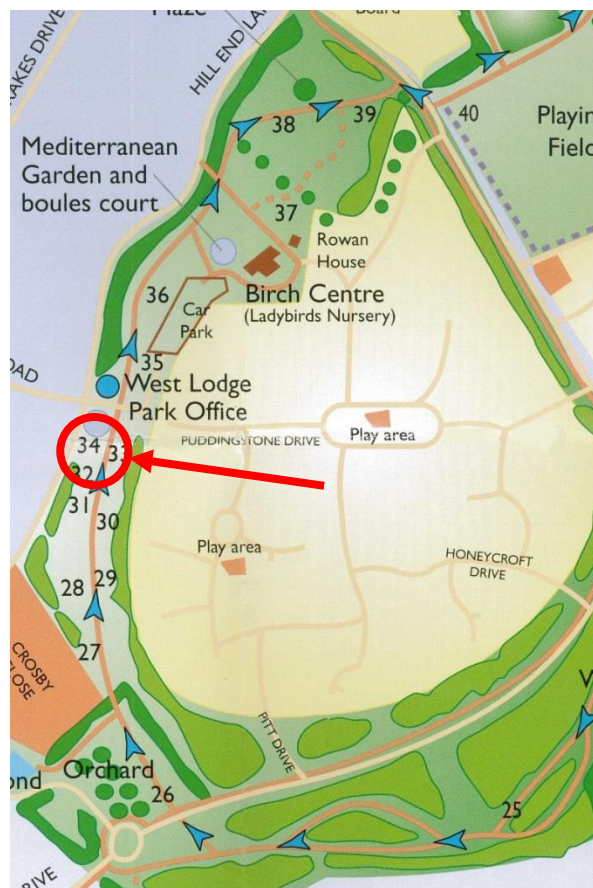
Range: Native throughout the UK and Europe.

Height: up to 15m

Uses: It has long been used as a hedging plant. The timber is a creamy brown colour, finely grained and very hard and can be used in turnery, engraving, veneers, cabinets, boxes, tool handles and boat parts. It also makes good firewood burning at high temperatures. The young leaves, flower buds and young flowers are all edible and can be added to green salads and grated root salads. The haws are most commonly used to make jellies, wines and ketchups.

Description: Deciduous shrub or tree, brownish bark cracking in to plates, twigs bear many thorns. Leaves are triangular-ovate, deeply divided in to 3-5 lobes, upper surface shiny matt below. Flowers in rounded clusters 10-18 flowers white or pink, fruit is a red berry the 'haw'.

Interesting Fact: it is also known as the May-tree, due to its flowering period, it is the only British plant named after the month in which it blooms.



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