



RARE TREES IN MANCHESTER'S PARKS

In 2004 a survey of trees in Manchester's parks was undertaken by Dr. Owen Johnson, author of the Collins Tree Guide, to identify interesting, unusual and exotic trees in parks. The survey was sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society. The city's parks have been found to be home to a diversity of tree species, from wide-ranging native species to the following unusual and rare specimens:

Adam's Laburnum - in Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens. This unique tree is a hybrid species of the Laburnum tree and flowering Broom shrub. When flowering, it may have branches of yellow flowers, purple flowers or mixed. This particular specimen is a designated Champion Tree within the Tree Register of the British Isles.

Variegated American Green Ash - in Alexandra Park. This extremely rare tree and potential Champion tree was planted at the turn of the 20th century.

Amure Cork tree - Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens. This rare Chinese tree thought to only grow well in south England can be seen as a glorious specimen standing at 55 feet in height.

Aspen Poplars - Fog Lane Park. These are some of the tallest specimens in England.

Crimean Silver Lime - Fog Lane Park. These are some enormous specimens can be seen which are of national importance.

Eucalyptus tree - Parkside, Heaton Park. This tree is potentially the biggest of its species.

Hawthorn - Manchester has a number of rare species of Hawthorn trees in its parks that are noted for their national importance.

Northern Catalpa - Fog Lane Park. This rare species from the southern states of America can be seen with large leaves and beautiful white flowers in mid-summer months.

Railway Poplar - Alexandra Park. This tree is one of the biggest of its type in England and takes its name from the common practice of planting this species on railway embankments in Victorian England.

Scotch Laburnum - Fog Lane Park. One of the tallest in England.

Silver Birch 'Golden Cloud' - Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens. This very rare tree can be identified by its lovely golden foliage.

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT IN MANCHESTER'S PARKS

Manchester is home to 160 parks, open spaces and river valley sites covering approximately 1270 hectares. Within these green spaces, more than 50 woodlands cover 190 hectares and range in scope from ancient semi-natural woodland to mature woodlands and young plantations.



Parks and green spaces offer people the opportunity to interact with the outdoor and natural world, and Manchester works to manage its parks sustainably and in line with the needs of people and wildlife.

Manchester Leisure's Parks Service has broad tree management experience and expertise ranging from training - Parkside is an accredited training assessment centre for the National Proficiency Test Council and LANTRA arboriculture courses - to species identification, surveying, mapping, planning and operational works.

Sustainable woodland management practices applied in the city's parks include:

- thinning cycles
- wood product recycling
- encouraging natural regeneration
- leaving standing decaying wood and fallen timber on site where appropriate to provide a habitat and food source for wildlife
- encouraging the well-being of desired native species through removal of undesired competing specimens
- woodland wildflower planting when and where appropriate
- removal of invasive, non-native species encouraging ground flora
- promoting accessible and networked green spaces
- promotion of biodiversity and environmental education.

The Park Warden Service plays an inspirational and proactive role by using trees and woodland as an important educational resource for local communities and children.

TREE AND HEDGE MAINTENANCE IN MANCHESTER

Tree pruning and maintenance is carried out by our Arboricultural Teams in Manchester.

If you would like to report some trees that need pruning or maintaining, then please see the contact details below:

Trees that grow on the public highway or public open land that are in need of pruning should be reported to Environment On Call. On 0161 954 9000.

You will need to tell us:

- Your name, address, contact telephone number and email address
- The location of the tree
- A brief description of the problem

You can contact Environment On Call:

- By filling in our online form
- By telephone: 0161 954 9000
- By textphone: 0161 957 8402
- By fax: 0161 957 8397
- Text/SMS: 86099
- By email: contact@manchester.gov.uk

If the tree is on Manchester Housing land (i.e. in the garden of a Manchester Housing property), please contact Manchester Housing On Call on 03000 112211 (Textphone 0161 953 2526) or fill out their online report forms.

If you wish to report a problem with a tree on land owned by a housing association or other private developer, please contact the company or association to organise remedial work.

If the tree is within the boundaries of a Manchester park, please contact Manchester Leisure on 0161 953 2450 (Textphone 0161 953 2499).