



Trees and Shrubs - species seen in Selsdon Wood

We have a booklet entitled "*Selsdon Wood Nature Reserve - Its history and Management: Some records of Flora and Fauna*" which was produced in 1978 by Jack Penry-Jones on behalf of the Croydon Natural History and Scientific Society. This contains a list of "Flowering Plants and Ferns (including trees, shrubs, grasses and sedges)" Recorded by Raymond Clarke of the CNHS prior to publication in 1978. These FSW species lists subdivide the collection into four separate lists: Trees; Wild Flowers; Grasses; and Non Flowering Plants.

This list of Trees is listed in alphabetical order of common name. There are 41 species currently found within Selsdon Wood. (Bullace was previously thought to be Blackthorn and was only correctly identified in 2015 and Wild Service were first introduced in 2011.)

The "Where" column gives an indication of the general location or distribution - or a specific location where appropriate.

Species with records in the Penry-Jones booklet recorded with a tick in the 1978 column. Those not currently found within Selsdon Wood are shown in red. In 2016 we started to record the first sighting of leaf (l), flower (f) or fruit (named) on tree species.

Trees & Shrubs	1978	Location	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alder	✓	southern corner of David's Crook						
Ash	✓	widespread	Apr 27 (f)	Mar 30 (f)				March 31 (f)
Beech & Copper Beech	✓✓	Beech widespread - Copper Beech between Fields 2 & 3	Apr 5 (l)	Mar 21 (l)				
Birch - Silver & Downy (hybrids occur)	✓✓	southerly third of the wood around the Gorses	Apr 27 (l)					
Blackthorn	✓	widespread along field edges	Mar 19 (f)	Mar 17 (f)	April 5 (f)	Mar14 (f)	May 26 (ripe sloes)	March 23 (f)
Broom	✓							
Buckthorn - Purging	✓	on the corner where Vale Border enters the Great Hill			May 21 (f)			
Buddleia		garden escapee - dotted throughout the wood					24 June (f)	
Bullace (previously thought to be Blackthorn)		along Vale Border in Fields 1-3	Feb 22 (f)		Apr 5 (f)	Mar 20 (f)		
Cherry - Bird		widespread - esp The Wend and Addington Border	Apr 7 (l) May 7 (f)	Mar 20 (l) Apr 10 (f)	Mar 28 (l) Apr 23 (F)	Mar 12 (l) Apr16 (f)		Mar 20 (l) Apr 17 (f)
Cherry - Wild	✓	dotted throughout the wood	Jan 29 (f)	Mar 5 (f)	Mar 23 (f)(l)	Mar 2 (f) Mar14 (l)	May 15 (unripe fr)	Feb 28 (f)
Chestnut - Sweet	✓	widespread esp in northern section				Apr 22 (l)		
Cotoneaster		In Vale Border hedgerow F1					Nov 16 (berries)	
Crab Apple	✓	dotted throughout including one beside the car park	May 10 (f)	Apr 10 (f)	Apr 30 (f)	Apr 1 (l)		May 1 (f)
Dogwood - Common & Red-osier	✓	widespread in hedgerows - Red-osier on western edge of F3	Apr 7 (l)		May 30 (f)	Mar 17 (l)	May 21 (f)	
Elder	✓	widespread	Mar 25 (l)	Mar 5 (l)	Apr 5 (l) May 15 (f)	Feb 27 (l)	May 21 (f)	
Elm - English & Wych	✓✓	occasional eg beside the path to the west of the Jubilee		Apr 18 (f)		May 1 (f)	April 16 (l)	April 30 (seeds)
False Acacia	✓							
Field Maple	✓	widespread in woods and field borders	May 7 (f)	Apr 18 (f)	Apr 27 (f)	Apr 22 (l & f)	May 26 (keys)	May 4 (f & l)
Gorse	✓	in the Gorses area	Jan 1 (f)	Jan 1 (f)		Jan 1 (f)	April 25 (f)	Jan 8 (f)
Hawthorn - Common & Midland (hybrids occur)	✓✓	widespread especially in the northern section	Mar 19 (l) May 7 (f)	Feb 26 (l) Apr 4 (f)	Mar 28 (l) Apr 23 (f)	Mar 2 (l) Mar28 (f)	April 21 (f)	Feb 26 (l) Apr 27 (f)
Hazel	✓	widespread - most common shrub in the understory	Jan 1 (f)	Jan 1 (f)		Mar27 (l)		Feb 1 (f)
Holly	✓	widespread		Apr 23 (f)	11 May (f)	May 1 (f)	May 4 (f)	May 22 (f)
Hornbeam	✓	both sides of the strip of wood between Fields 2 and 3				Mar 28 (l&f)		Apr 2 (f)
Horse-chestnut	✓	Vale Border in the strip of woodland between Fields 2 and 3				Apr 2 (l)		
Larch		Steven's Larch and Gorses area			7 Apr (f)	Mar 20 (f)	March 20 (l)	March 11 (f)
Laurel - Cherry (invasive species being removed)		dotted throughout	Feb 13 (f)	Apr 10 (f)		Feb 22 (f)		Apr 2 (f)
Lime - Large-leaved & Common	✓	LL in eastern corner of F3 - Common in Linden Glade						
Oak - Pedunculate	✓	widespread - principal species in Selsdon Wood	Apr 21 (l)	Apr 11 (l) Apr 19 (f)	Apr 29 (f)	Mar 30 (l)	April 26 (l)	Apr 29 (l & f)

Oak - Sessile	✓	widespread						
Oak - Turkey	✓	in Steven's Larch on the edge of F3						
Pine - Scots & Corsican	✓	Scots in Steven's Larch - Corsican in Linden Glade						
Pear	✓							
Plum - Mirabelle		dotted throughout - one in hedgerow in David's Crook	Feb 23 (f)	Mar 5 (f) Mar 20 (l)	Mar 21 (f) May 8 (fr)	Mar 3 (f) Mar14 (l)		Mar 15 (f)(l) May 8 (fr)
Poplar - Black Italian	✓							
Poplar - White		eastern corner of David's Crook						
Privet	✓	south facing hedgerows especially in F1 and F2			May 30 (f)			
Rowan	✓	widespread			May 7 (f)	Mar 30 (l)	April 27 (f)	May 9 (f)
Snowberry	✓							
Spindle	✓	dotted throughout incl northern end of Greenhill Way			May 15 (f)	Mar 14 (l)		
Spruce - Norway not native	✓	Greenhill Shaw and Avis Grove (near the field)						
Sycamore/Norway Maple (hybrids occur)	✓✓	widespread	Mar 25 (l) Apr 17 (f)	Mar 23 (l)	Mar 31 (l) May 1 (f)	Mar 17 (l)	April 9 (l)	Mar 23 (l) May 4 (f)
Wayfaring tree		widespread in field boundary hedgerows	May 10 (f)	Apr 11 (f)	Apr 26 (f)	Mar 17 (l)		Apr 8 (f)
Whitebeam (aria) & Cut leaved (intermedia)	✓✓	western border of F3 - Cut-leaved in Middle Gorse	May 10 (l)	Apr 19 (l)	May 12 (f)	Apr 24 (l)		
Wild Service		In Jubilee and Langford's way coppice						
Willow - Goat (caprea) and Grey (cinerea)	✓✓	dotted throughout eg one specimen in Langford's Way	Feb 23 (f)	Mar 14 (f)	Mar 21 (f)	Mar 10 (f)	Feb 3 (f)	Mar 13 (f)
Yew	✓	widespread eg junction of Courtwood Gr and Addington Bo						Apr 5 (f)