



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 40 species currently found within Selsdon Wood. (Bullace was previously thought to be Blackthorn and was only correctly identified in 2015.)

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.

Trees & Shrubs	1978	Location	Notes
Alder	✓	southern corner of David's Crook	
Ash	✓	widespread	
Beech & Copper Beech	✓✓	Beech widespread - Copper Beech between Fields 2 & 3	
Birch - Silver & Downy	✓✓	southerly third of the wood around the Gorses	hybrids occur
Blackthorn	✓	widespread along field edges	
Broom	✓		
Buckthorn - Purging	✓	on the corner where Vale Border enters the Great Hill	
Buddleia		garden escapee - dotted throughout the wood	
Bullace		along Vale Border in Fields 1-3	previously thought to be Blackthorn
Cherry - Bird		widespread - esp The Wend and Addington Border	
Cherry - Wild	✓	dotted throughout the wood	
Chestnut - Sweet	✓	widespread esp in northern section	
Crab Apple	✓	dotted throughout including one beside the car park	
Dogwood - Common & Red-osier	✓	widespread in hedgerows - Red-osier on western edge of F3	
Elder	✓	widespread	
Elm - English & Wych	✓✓	occasional eg beside the path to the west of the Jubilee	
False Acacia	✓		
Field Maple	✓	widespread in woods and field borders	
Gorse	✓	in the Gorses area	
Hawthorn - Common & Midland	✓✓	widespread especially in the northern section	hybrids occur
Hazel	✓	widespread - most common shrub in the understory	
Holly	✓	widespread	
Hornbeam	✓	both sides of the strip of wood between Fields 2 and 3	
Horse-chestnut	✓	Vale Border in the strip of woodland between Fields 2 and 3	
Larch		Steven's Larch and Gorses area	
Laurel - Cherry		dotted throughout	invasive species now being removed
Lime - Large-leaved & Common	✓	LL in eastern corner of F3 - Common in Linden Glade	
Oak - Pedunculate	✓	widespread - principal species in Selsdon Wood	
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	
Poplar - Black Italian	✓		
Poplar - White		eastern corner of David's Crook	
Privet	✓	south facing hedgerows especially in F1 and F2	
Rowan	✓	widespread	
Snowberry	✓		
Spindle	✓	dotted throughout incl northern end of Greenhill Way	
Spruce - Norway not native	✓	Greenhill Shaw and Avis Grove (near the field)	
Sycamore/Norway Maple	✓✓	widespread	hybrids occur
Wayfaring tree		widespread in field boundary hedgerows	
Whitebeam (aria) & Cut leaved (intermedia)	✓✓	western border of F3 - Cut-leaved in Middle Gorse	
Willow - Goat (caprea) and Grey (cinerea)	✓✓	dotted throughout eg one specimen in Langford's Way	close relatives hard to distinguish
Yew	✓	widespread eg junction of Courtwood Gr and Addington Bo	