

SOME TREES IN EARLHAM CEMETERY, NORWICH

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This is a list of trees identified by members of Friends of Earlham Cemetery, rather than a complete list of tree species in the Cemetery. It is a work in progress and will be updated as new information comes in.

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Burial sections on the [Cemetery plan](#) are used to give approximate locations of trees.

The order of this list follows **Collins Tree Guide** by Owen Johnson and David More (Collins 2006).

Species	Comments
Maidenhair Tree, <i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Two small specimens in Section 51 and Sections 48 – 50.
Yew, <i>Taxus baccata</i> .	Distributed through the oldest parts of the Cemetery, with some large specimens, including Sections 10 – 14. The yews include the upright form <i>Fastigiata</i> , the Irish Yew .
Western Red Cedar, <i>Thuja plicata</i>	These line both sides of the approach road to the Earlham Road entrance. There are also good specimens in sections 43 – 44 and sections 35 – 41.
Lawson Cypress, <i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	Several including sections 43 – 44, adjacent to Western Red Cedars. Low branches of both trees allow comparison of cones, a key distinguishing feature.
Japanese Red Cedar, <i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	A single, medium sized specimen towards the east end of section 6.
Giant Sequoia, <i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	One in section 23, behind Helena Road gardens.
Cedar of Lebanon, <i>Cedrus libani</i>	Near Crematorium, corner of Section 7. <i>(Need to check location & confirm identification.)</i>
Blue Atlas Cedar, <i>Cedrus atlantica</i> f. <i>glauca</i>	A good specimen in sections 4 – 5. More south of the Burial Chapel, sections G and 7.
Deodar Cedar, <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	<i>(Need to check location & confirm identification.)</i>
European Larch, <i>Larix decidua</i>	Several, including alongside the cycle path avoiding Crematorium (sections 9 – 10), section 4 – 5.
Japanese Larch, <i>Larix kaempferi</i>	Several, including near Cycle path avoiding Crematorium (sections 9 – 10).
Norway Spruce, <i>Picea abies</i>	Single tree, section 1 (NG).
Western Hemlock, <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>	A single tree, section 43.

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Scots Pine, <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Quite a few, in different parts of the Cemetery.
Bhutan Pine, <i>Pinus wallichiana</i>	Two specimens, Section X - Y
Grey Poplar, <i>Populus canescens</i>	Several, section 1 (NG) and by boundary with Bowthorpe Road, section 14.
Aspen, <i>Populus tremula</i>	Two have recently been planted by the gate from Farrow Road to the western (newest) section of the Cemetery, one on either side of the gateway. These are very upright in growth habit, so may be form 'Erecta'.
Wild Black Poplar, <i>Populus nigra</i> ssp. <i>betulifolia</i>	<p>Two male trees remain from the original six trees that were present until recently in groups of two by Bowthorpe Road boundary, in newest western part of Cemetery, sections 63, 64, 69.</p> <p>These may be cuttings from a tree on the north side of Chapelfield (now Chapelfield Gardens) which was six feet in diameter when felled in 1932. (Reference: E. V. Rogers, "The native black poplar (<i>Populus nigra</i> subspecies <i>betulifolia</i>) in Norfolk", Transactions of the NNNS, Vol. 29 Part 5, July 1993.)</p> <p>Cuttings from the Cemetery trees were taken in spring 2014, with the permission of Norwich City Council, and nine of these were planted by the River Yare at Marston Marshes on 29th February 2016. A tenth tree was planted in Tyrrel's Wood, near Long Stratton, in March 2016.</p> <p>Further cuttings were taken in March 2016.</p>
Cape Willow, <i>Salix mucronata</i>	A single specimen of an evergreen willow, tucked away in Section 1 (NG) is probably this native of South Africa and Zimbabwe, which is described as "hardy".
Black Walnut, <i>Juglans nigra</i>	Along tarred road that runs east of Crematorium, sections 7 and 8.
Silver Birch, <i>Betula pendula</i>	Several large specimens, including section 3 – 4, sections 48 and 52 and at back of Helena Road gardens, where several trees have died from old age in the last ten years.
Hop Hornbeam, <i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	A group of trees, at the back of Helena Road gardens, section 25.
Turkish Hazel, <i>Corylus colurna</i>	In several places, including as an avenue with lower branches lopped along tarmac road east of lodge by Cemetery Office / Earlham Road entrance. Also near cycle path avoiding Crematorium (section 2 (NG)), where more shrub-like.

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<p>Roblé Beech, <i>Nothofagus obliqua</i></p>	<p>Several specimens.</p> <p>There were several by Farrow Road on the boundary of the eastern section of Cemetery, section CC, but these suffered from drought in recent summers and have mostly been removed.</p> <p>A single small specimen of this or another species of <i>Nothofagus</i> in section 7 (NG) or 8 (NG), away from the tarmac road. Near a large Tree Of Heaven, <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>, which makes a good landmark.</p>
<p>Common Beech, <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> and Copper Beech, <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> f. <i>purpurea</i></p>	<p>Several large and impressive specimens. These include a very fine Common Beech near the Dereham Road entrance, possibly older than the Cemetery itself. There are fine Copper Beeches along the tarmac road that winds up the hill through the NE section of the Cemetery (sections 6 (NG) – 11 (NG)).</p>
<p>Weeping Beech, <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> f. <i>pendula</i></p>	<p>A single impressive specimen, section 11 (NG) – 12 (NG) to the north of the tarmac road that winds up the hill through the NE section of the Cemetery.</p>
<p>Sweet Chestnut, <i>Castanea sativa</i></p>	<p>Several, mainly along the tarred road that runs east of Crematorium, sections 7 and 8.</p>
<p>English Oak, <i>Quercus robur</i></p>	<p>Several, including Section 3 – 4.</p>
<p>Cypress Oak, <i>Quercus robur</i> f. <i>fastigiata</i></p>	<p>A short row by the boundary between the Cemetery and Julian Hospital, at the east end of section DD.</p>
<p>Turkey Oak, <i>Quercus cerris</i></p>	<p>Several, including west end of section 3.</p>
<p>Lucombe Oak, <i>Quercus x hispanica</i> 'Lucombeana'</p>	<p>An evergreen hybrid between Turkey and Cork Oaks. One in section D and another in Section 5 or 6.</p>
<p>Holm Oak, <i>Quercus ilex</i></p>	<p>Many large specimens of this evergreen oak, including section 5 (NG) and section C – D.</p> <p>There is more than one species of evergreen oak in the Cemetery – more investigation is needed.</p>
<p>Red Oak, <i>Quercus rubra</i></p>	<p>Several, including alongside the tarmac road that winds up the hill through the NE section of the Cemetery (section 11 (NG)).</p>
<p>Pin Oak, <i>Quercus palustris</i></p>	<p>One specimen, section M / N.</p>
<p>Wych Elm, <i>Ulmus glabra</i></p>	<p>Some small suckers in sections 3 – 6 and along some of the Cemetery boundaries.</p>
<p>Hackberry, <i>Celtis occidentalis</i></p>	<p>Specimens include west end of section D – E (by tarmac road) and east end of section 6. The trees are most obvious in late autumn, when the leaves, which are still green, stand</p>

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	out from the other trees.
Fig, <i>Ficus carica</i>	One specimen behind the Earlham Road houses, section 51.
Tulip Tree, <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Good specimens by the tarmac road that winds up the hill through the NE section of the Cemetery (sections 6 (NG) – 11 (NG)). Also sections 3 – 4.
Katsura, <i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	West of tarmac road by bend, section K. A small slender tree with opposite pairs of heart-shaped leaves growing out of its branches on short red stems. In autumn its leaves smell of candyfloss. (Late in 2012 we misidentified this as a Judas Tree, <i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>).
Bay, <i>Laurus nobilis</i>	A magnificent specimen in section K west of Memorial Garden alongside tarmac pathway.
Sweet Gum, <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Several, including a single specimen section 4, with good autumn colour 2012 and at least two specimens in section 1.
Persian Ironwood, <i>Parrotia persica</i>	Single specimens, including section 4, section F, to east of Bowthorpe Road entrance and in two in middle of sections 9 / 10. Noticeable in late winter / early spring when in flower (maroon stamen-clusters) and in autumn when leaves turn yellow and red.
London Plane, <i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	A row in the Cemetery west of Farrow Road, near Gipsy Lane, Section LL.
Common Hawthorn, <i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Several, including alongside Farrow Road.
Midland Hawthorn, <i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	Several, including alongside Farrow Road.
Broad-leaved Cockspur Thorn, <i>Crataegus persimilis</i>	One in a sheltered part of section D, with some leaves and berries still present in February 2013.
Hybrid Cockspur Thorn, <i>Crataegus x lavallei</i>	Near Burial Chapel, Section G. Lovely white flowers in early summer, few thorns.
Common Whitebeam, <i>Sorbus aria</i>	A very fine specimen in sections 27 – 28 behind the Helena Road gardens. There were two trees until about 2008, when one tree was felled. The stump remains and is re-sprouting. A second tree is slightly nearer Dereham Road, sections 28 – 29.
Common Rowan, <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Some shapely young trees behind the Helena Road gardens, section 26.
Snowy Mespil, <i>Amelanchier</i> sp.	A single specimen, probably self-sown rather than planted, in Sections 1, 2 or 3 (NG).
Cherry Plum, <i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	Along Cemetery boundaries – noticeable in spring when in full flower.
Pissard's Plum (Purple-leaved	Several trees along the tarmac road at back of

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Cherry Plum), <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Nigra'	Earlham Road houses (sections 50 – 51).
Ornamental cherries, <i>Prunus</i> sp.	Several, including in Memorial Gardens.
Bird Cherry, <i>Prunus padus</i>	On edge of section 18. Noticeable in spring, when in flower.
Portugal Laurel, <i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Several, including in Section 2 near South Lodge.
Cherry Laurel, <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Several, including section 2 (NG).
Common Laburnum, <i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	At back of Winter Road houses, by tarmac road, section 11. Another by back of old military plot, section 25, being swamped by a Yew tree. Several by boundary of eastern part of Cemetery and Farrow Road.
Weeping Pagoda Tree, <i>Sophora japonica</i> var. 'Pendula'	There is a large tree with weeping crown and leaves (and young shoots) rather like <i>Wisteria</i> by the tarmac road, section 5 or 6. Our best guess so far is Weeping Pagoda Tree, <i>Sophora japonica</i> var. 'Pendula'. Needs confirmation.
False Acacia, <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	A single specimen to west of tarmac road at east end of Section 7 (NG) has lots of lovely fissures in its bark. Some branches are dead but there is some regrowth from the trunk. Another, bigger specimen to west of Farrow Road, section MM.
Euodia, <i>Tetradium daniellii</i>	Showy white flowers in summer are attractive to insects. A single specimen, section 6 (NG). There used to be another Eudonia in section C, by tarmac road and south-west corner of Memorial Gardens but it was badly infected with Honey Fungus from 2013 onwards and removed in 2015 – there is now no trace of it.
Box, <i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Several, including a big specimen west of lime walk from Dereham Road gate, section 31.
Tree Of Heaven, <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Two large trees. One is in section 7 (NG) or 8 (NG), not far from the tarmac road that winds up the hill through the NE section of the Cemetery. It is now just a tall trunk with a small branches near the top. There are several smaller trees to the south-east, which seem too far away to just be suckers of the original. The other, a female which bears fruit in big bunches rather like ash keys, is by the Cycle path avoiding Crematorium, at west end of sections 4 – 5.
Common Holly, <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Several, including large specimens and as a

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	hedge by Dereham Road.
Field Maple, <i>Acer campestre</i>	Several near cycle path avoiding Crematorium (section 2 (NG)).
Sycamore, <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Many, most or all of which are self sown, including along boundary with Helena Road gardens and in grave plots.
Zoeschen Maple, <i>Acer x zoeschense</i>	
Red Maple, <i>Acer rubrum</i>	There is a fine specimen in the Memorial Gardens, on the north side.
Variegated Norway Maple, <i>Acer platanoides</i> var. 'Drummondii'	West side of tarmac road to Burial Chapel, section F.
Moosewood, <i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>	In one of the sections west of central roadway between Crematorium and RC Chapel.
Paper-bark Maple, <i>Acer griseum</i>	Small tree with commemorative notice attached including identification. Section M.
Horse Chestnut, <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	A double row lines the tarmac road alongside the Children's Burial Area, sections N and O.
Indian Horse Chestnut, <i>Aesculus indica</i>	One specimen in the middle of Section 7.
Small-leaved Lime, <i>Tilia cordata</i>	Several young specimens with sweeping low branches to right of tarmac road, sections 25 – 26.
Common Lime, <i>Tilia x europaea</i>	A double row along the untarred road from the Dereham Road gate. A double row of low, pollarded trees by tarmac road, south end of section K. Also behind Earlham Road houses, section 40.
Cider Gum, <i>Eucalyptus gunnii</i> .	Single tree in section C or D, visible from tarmac road.
Dogwood, <i>Cornus</i> sp.	<i>(Need to check locations and species.)</i>
Snowdrop Tree, <i>Halesia monticola</i>	A single specimen by the Cycle path avoiding Crematorium, at west end of section 3. Distinctive white flowers in late spring and persistent 4-winged fruit like a dart's flight.
Common Ash, <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Several trees mostly behind the Helena Road and Winter Road houses, including larger specimens in section 17 (behind corner of Winter Road and Stafford Street) and in section 1. Several of the smaller trees now have Ash Dieback disease (confirmed summer 2014), including a couple of specimens beside the cycle track as it passes through section 6.
Manna Ash, <i>Fraxinus ornus</i>	In section 46. <i>(Need to confirm identification.)</i>
Chinese Tree Privet, <i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	In section K beside roadway west of Crematorium. Died during summer of 2016 – drought?

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Olive, <i>Olea europaea</i>	One has been planted on a grave in section DD – EE.
Hybrid Bean Tree, <i>Catalpa x erubescens</i>	A tree in the Memorial Gardens has small “bean pods” and is definitely a <i>Catalpa</i> , probably this one.
Elder, <i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Several, self sown, including by back of old military plot, section 25.
Spindle, <i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	A small number, including section 1 and section 4 – 5. These small trees / large shrubs are most obvious in autumn when the foliage turns pink and the pink berries split open to reveal orange seeds.

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