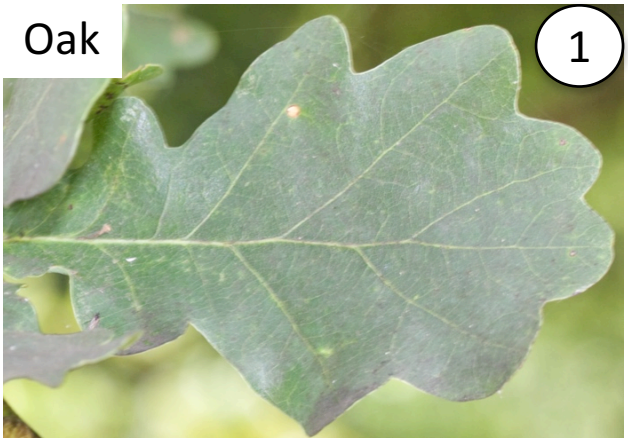
Park Explorer – Trees & Seeds

Take a walk around the park as see if you can match the leaves with the seeds of the trees – they been mixed up in the pictures below. A suggested route is given below but you will find these trees all around the park.

You can complete the table at the end with your answers?

Suggested Route: Leaving from the main visitor entrance, that stands between two towers, turn left past the 'Welcome to Knole' sign. Continue to the end of the wall to reach a way-maker post on the corner. Continue ahead down the hill to reach the valley (The Gallops). Turn right and follow the valley before taking the first path off to the right - up out of the valley. At the top explore the trees to the left – by a large fallen log – before making your way back across the pasture to the front of the house. *All the pictured trees can be found on or near to this route – but you will need to look*!

Oak



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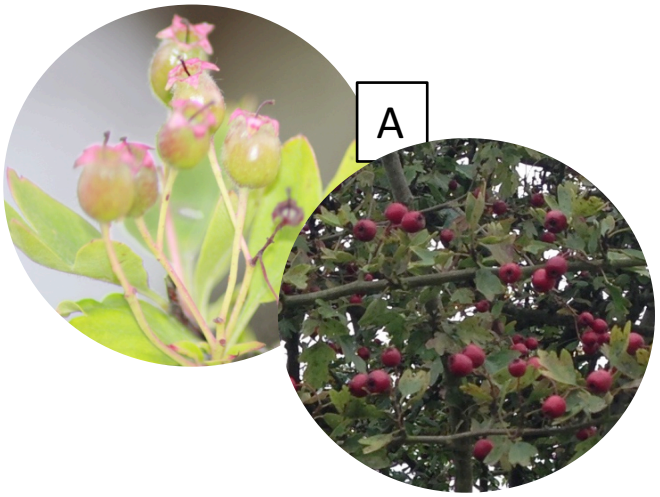

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Beech

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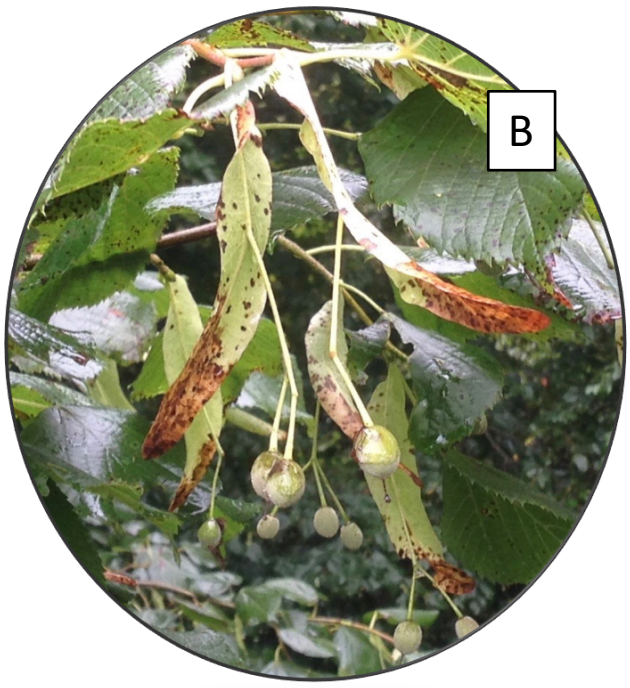

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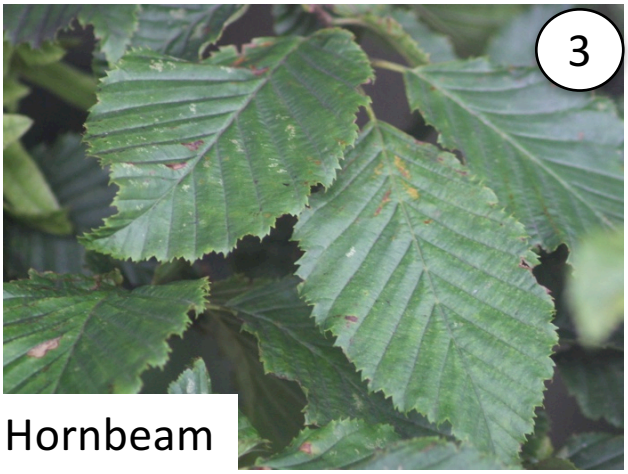
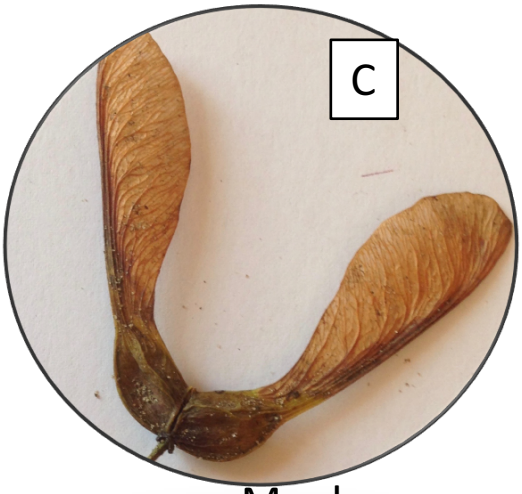
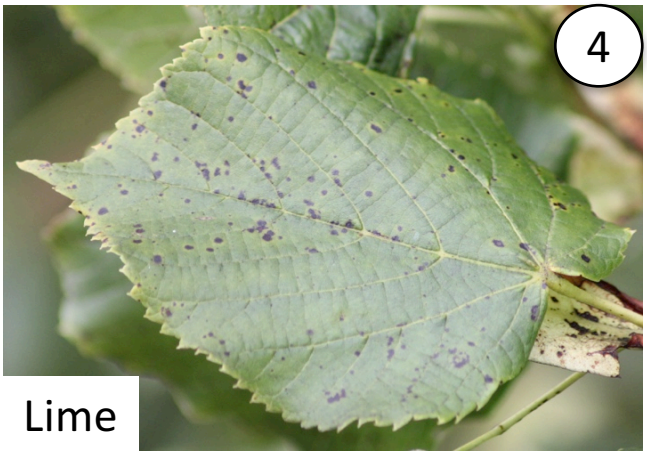


Hornbeam



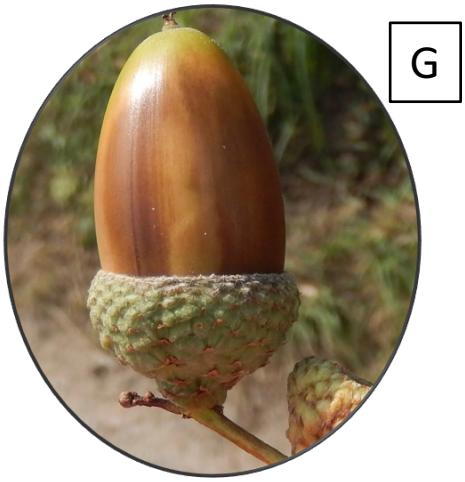
Maple

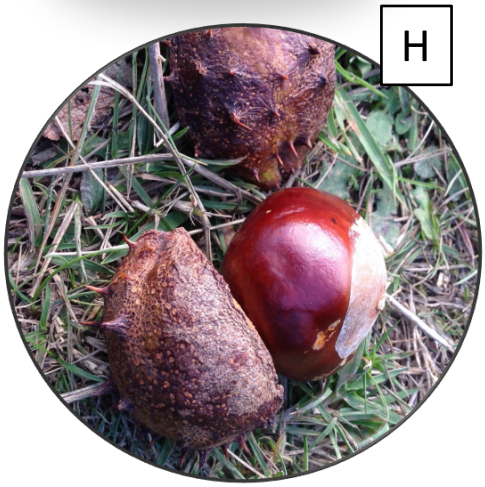


Lime

Sweet Chestnut

Hawthorn





Horse Chestnut

Trees and Knole go Hand-in-Hand.

Wood and timber was very important to the Sackvilles Thomas Sackville, Earl of Dorset, who was the first of the Sackvilles to live at Knole. He made a considerable amount of money as a timber merchant and ironmaster in the Weald before becoming a well reputed courtier and statesman.

During the seventeenth century there was an attempt at generating income from the park by selling timber to the shipyards at Chatham and by coppicing of wood for hop poles. (*Inheritance: The Story of Knole and the Sackvilles. Robert Sackville-West*.)

During the the Great Storm of 1986 Knole lost 70 to 80% of its trees. Where it was safe to do so it was decided to leave trees where they fell. Consequently the park is now a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for plants, animals and fungi that decompose wood.

Tree Name	Leaf	Seed
Beech	2	
Hawthorn	7	
Hornbeam	3	
Horse Chestnut		H
Lime	4	
Maple		C
Oak	1	
Sweet Chestnut		E