

# The Tree Register



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Autumn 2016 in the Beale Arboretum, with *Quercus coccinea* 'Splendens' and *Nyssa sylvatica* - see page 9



# The Beale Arboretum

West Lodge Park, Cockfosters Road, Hadley Wood, Herts EN4 0PY

This wonderful arboretum was founded in 1963 by Edward Beale, in association with Derek Honour, Arboricultural advisor to the GLC and with Frank Knight, Director of the RHS at Wisley. It has been developed further over the past 52 years by Edward Beale's son Trevor and grandson Andrew. Many of the mature trees were planted by the former owner John Cater in the mid 1800s, including a fine *Quercus robur* (Pedunculate Oak) in the car park in front of the hotel.

The 35 acres surrounding the hotel form part of the Enfield Chase, an oasis of open space, wonderful views, and peace and quiet within the M25. The Beale Arboretum consists of a large and interesting collection of trees including some 800 different varieties. Many are now mature or well established but a large number of new trees continue to be planted each year.

## Pinetum

The Pinetum contains wonderful conifers from all parts of the world. It is particularly useful to be able to compare so many firs, spruces and pines in close proximity to one another. One novelty that always attracts attention is *Picea abies* 'Acrocona' – notable for its "terminal" cones at the end of each branch.

## National Collections

National Collection status is prestigious recognition of the national importance of particular collections, and is conferred by Plant Heritage. The Arboretum has the National Collections of *Carpinus betulus* cultivars (Hornbeam), *Taxodium distichum* (Swamp cypress) and a planned third National Collection of *Catalpa* (Indian Bean Tree).



Autumn colour from *Acer capillipes* in the Maple collection

The Arboretum has received wide publicity for its beauty and interest, having been featured in The Times, The Sunday Express, Country Life, Gardener's World, The New York Times, The Radio Times and The Royal Horticultural Society Journal.



*Taxodium distichum* 'Little Twister', one of several interesting new plantings in the National Collection.



**The Arboretum is open to the public every afternoon 2.00pm - 5.00pm**

Admission £2.50 payable at reception.  
Admission is free to any hotel resident, or any hotel guest having food or drink in the restaurant, bar or banqueting rooms.



*Acer rubrum* 'Scanlon'.  
Champion trees are clearly labelled in the arboretum

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