



Beale Arboretum News- Autumn 2023

Autumn has been a strange season this year, with very high temperatures in September and October, and (as far as the 6th November when writing) no frosts.

The colours of the antho-cyanins in the leaves as the trees have gone into their autumn senescence have been very muted until early November, and then have suddenly turned.

Quercus palustris (Pin oak) is normally the earliest of the American red oaks to turn, normally by the end of September, but this year it was weeks behind schedule.



The American red maples (**Acer rubrum 'Scanlon'** and **Acer rubrum 'Autumn Blaze'**)

[pics far left and near left] have put on a spectacular late show.

The black tupelo (**Nyssa sylvatica**) has been stunning this autumn.

[pic right]

And **Ginkgo biloba 'Blagon'** seems to have gone the brightest of yellows! [pic below left]

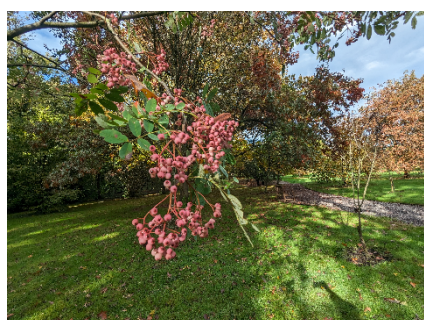


As have **Morus alba and nigra** - the white and black mulberries.

[pic right]



Liquidambar 'Worplesdon' is another autumn stunner right by the hotel – not a lot happens on liquidambar for the rest of the year, but they make up for it at this time. [pic right]



Sorbus hupehensis has put on a lovely autumn pastel pink hue this year. [pic left]



And **Sorbus aria 'Bakonyensis'** from Lake Balaton in Hungary has had more fruit this autumn than any other year I can recall.

[pic left]

Acer freemanii has been in lovely condition, I think this will be an absolute winner in future years. [pic right]



Acer palmatum 'Senkaki' is a mature tree now, and has a graceful, very Japanese, fan shape. [pic left]

We had 126 visitors to our **Autumn NGS Garden Open Day** on 22nd October – in lovely autumn sunshine we raised over £900 for this cause in our 43rd year of hosting for the NGS. Here is Jane Gray manning the welcome stand. [pic right]



Andrew Beale- Managing Director



If you are interested in putting together a group for a **guided tour** of the Beale Arboretum, please contact Jane Gray- janegray@bealeshotels.co.uk or 020 8216 3904- Tours are free of charge midweek and £3.50 per person at the weekend.

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