

Condition Survey of Non-woodland Amenity Trees

General information

1. Training

We will contact you if we plan any group training events in your area. However, if you decide you need further training, or need any advice, please contact your area co-ordinator and they could pay you a visit.

2. Any queries?

For the purposes of this survey England is split into 6 regions, each manned by an 'Area Co-ordinator.' If you would like to contact your area co-ordinator you will find their name and contact details below. Each regional staff member will be aiming to visit 20% of plots each year and may therefore contact you, especially if he or she has not met you before. If you have a more specific question about the central running of the survey please contact me, Katherine Thorpe, at Alice Holt.

3. Filling in the tree assessment forms

Please aim to assess your plot in July or August.

The form is exactly the same as last year. **Please don't forget to fill in those extra columns** on the right hand side – this is where you record specific diseases, the ones detailed in your photo guide. And don't forget there is an area on the **reverse side of your assessment form** where you can make extra notes about your chosen trees, or where you can record information vital to us on trees in the vicinity suffering from e.g. Dutch Elm Disease, or Alder Phytophthora.

If your plot was assessed last year you should get personalised forms, but if we don't yet have all your details you will need to fill in your name and the plot name and tell us exactly which species of tree you are assessing. E.g. small-leafed, or large-leafed lime.

4. Returning the Completed Forms

Please send all forms back to me at Alice Holt using the FREEPOST envelope provided. If it is easier, email me the results at:

katherine.thorpe@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

We can send you the forms in the form of a Word document if you wish.

5. Plot Design – A reminder

Your plot should include 5 (or more if you like!) trees each of 6 'allowed' species of tree - a total of 30 trees. New volunteers should have received a list of 'allowable species' to help them set up their plots. Please ring me or your area co-ordinator if you need to talk to us - we can send you the plot information again if you are not sure about something. If you need to add more tree species please do so and send us an amended map for our records.

6. Equipment

To help with assessments we lend you the following:

- 'Diagnosis of Ill-health in Trees': book by R. Strouts & T. Winter
- Colour photo-guide to tree disease and other kinds of damage to be recorded in the survey

and we can supply on request:

- A Diameter tape with cm on one side and DBH (**cm/[]**, **NOT INCHES!**) on the other. Please use DBH.
- High-visibility vest for work near motor traffic

If you leave the project we appreciate it if you can pass the equipment on to the next volunteer. If you are a new observer and have not received anything from the previous assessor, please fill in the enclosed equipment request form and we will send out the necessary equipment as soon as possible.

7. Risk Assessments

The risk of harming yourself whilst doing this survey is extremely low! However, we send you a risk assessment detailing the hazards, and we ask that you read and comply with the recommendations e.g. wearing a high visibility jacket if you will be working near a busy road. Please sign and return this form along with your results whether you have signed it before or not.

8. Finally.....Thank you!

We greatly appreciate the voluntary help that so many people give to this survey and we understand if anyone finds that they cannot continue or need to 'skip' a year. However, the objectives of the survey make it really important for every plot to be included every year. So, if you find that you or a deputy are unlikely to be able to do the assessment, please contact one of the Forest Research team (preferably your regional staff member) as soon as possible and we will try to arrange for a replacement.

List of Forest Research contact names and addresses

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Equipment request form

Please lend me the item(s) of equipment that I have ticked below:

I am a new observer and have received no items from my predecessor	
I am a new observer assessing a new plot	

Item(s) Required:

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Plot name

Name(s) of observers.....

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Signature Date.....