

# Beech Trees in Holme Wood :

Did you know...

*Fagus sylvatica* :

*Fagus* is from Proto-Italic *fagos*,  
*sylvatica* from Latin *silva* = woods or forest.

There are 13 species of Beech Tree.

The lifespan of a Beech is 150 to 400 years.

They start producing nut after 40 – 60 years.

They are Monoecious..that is they bear both male and female parts.

Beech nuts are so high in fat they can be pressed into edible oil.

Before paper, Beech wood tablets were a common writing material in Germany.

In Modern Germany, the word for book is *Buch*, with *Buche* Beech Tree.

Foxes, Squirrels, Deer, Mice, Rabbits, Turkeys, Woodpeckers, Ducks, Grouse and others feed on Beech Nuts.

Beech Trees often grow in areas of moist soil, especially near streams. They have shallow roots.

They are rare in Urban settings as they cannot tolerate high CO<sub>2</sub>.

Beech wood is used for the stocks of Military Rifles.

Beech bark is very thin and scars easily... carvings in it remain there as it is unable to heal itself.

