

BOOK REVIEW

JON STOKES. 2025. **Trees of Britain and Ireland**. (ISBN 9780691224169 (flexbind). (ISBN 9780691224176 (eBook). Princeton University Press, 41 William Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, U.S.A. (**Orders:** press.princeton.edu). \$24.95 US, flexbind, 360 pp., 3000 color photographs, 270 illustrations 5.8" × 8.25".

This book is crammed with general and specific information on trees and shrubs that includes tree biology and ecology that will interest a broad spectrum of readers from the USA. It is more than a list of species with all color illustrations and, therefore, it will appeal to a broader readership. The Introduction covers many short topics of general interest. For example: What is a native species? How do trees grow? What is coppicing? What is pollarding?, and many more topical headings. Other topical headings include the history of the treescape and tree history through time, Anglo Saxon and medieval times through the centuries to present day tree identification with keys using leaf shapes, flowers, fruits, winter twigs, and bark of conifer and broadleaf species. Each tree species has a one or two-page description that includes morphological features and a map showing distribution in Great Britain and Ireland, although many of the generic species are different from those in the U.S.A. For example, *Juniperus virginiana* is a common species in the Tarrant County and Fort Worth (Texas) area with a different species, *Juniperus communis* found in Europe. There is much content in this book that will appeal to readers in America, and I highly recommend it for purchase at this reasonable price.

About the Author

Jon Stokes is the Director of Trees at the Tree Council in the United Kingdom and the author and co-author of 10 books on trees with more than 30 years of experience related to tree conservation."

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