



Autumn at Westonbirt Arboretum

630 acres

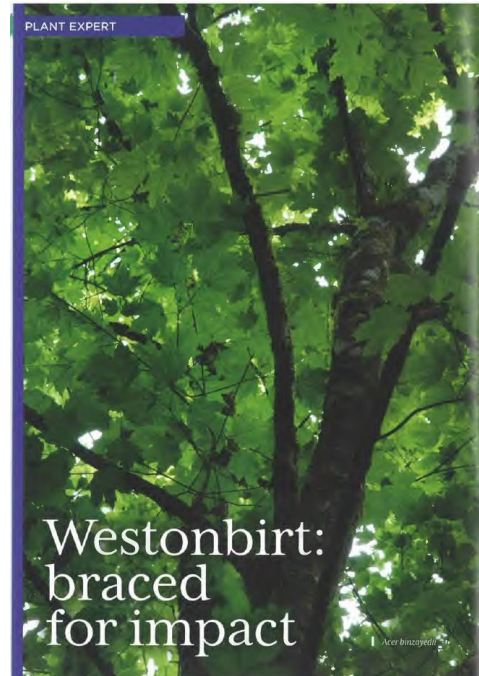
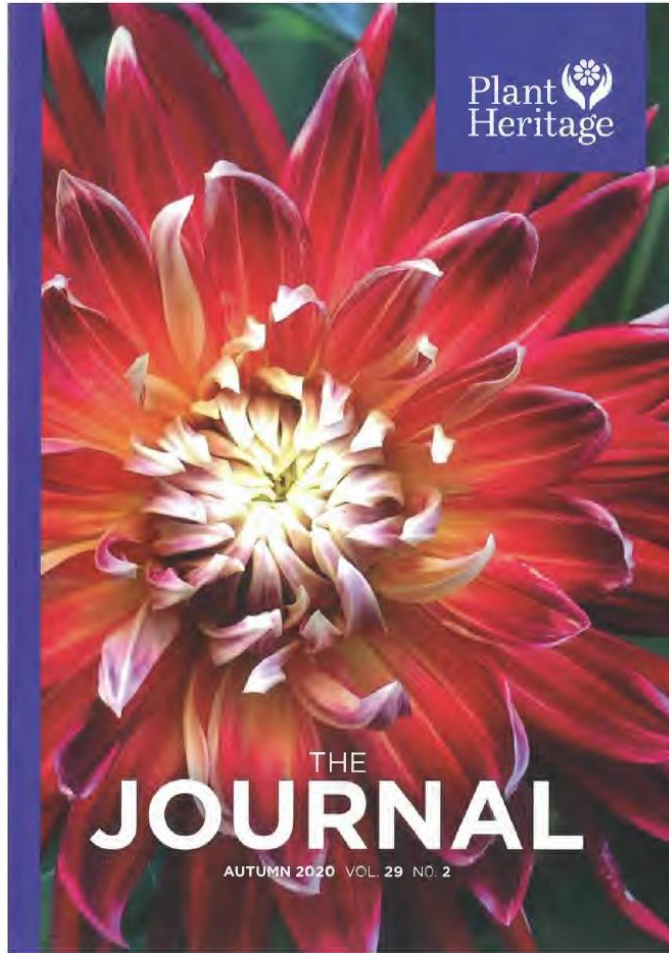
15,000 specimen trees

2793 taxa

135 champion trees

113 species - IUCN Red Data List

5 National Collections



© Yuma Vargas



Westonbirt, The National Arboretum in spring

© Johnny Hathaway/Westonbirt, The National Arboretum

The arboretum's Acers have captivated visitors for nearly two centuries. ANDY BRYCE describes the plans to climate-proof its flaming collections

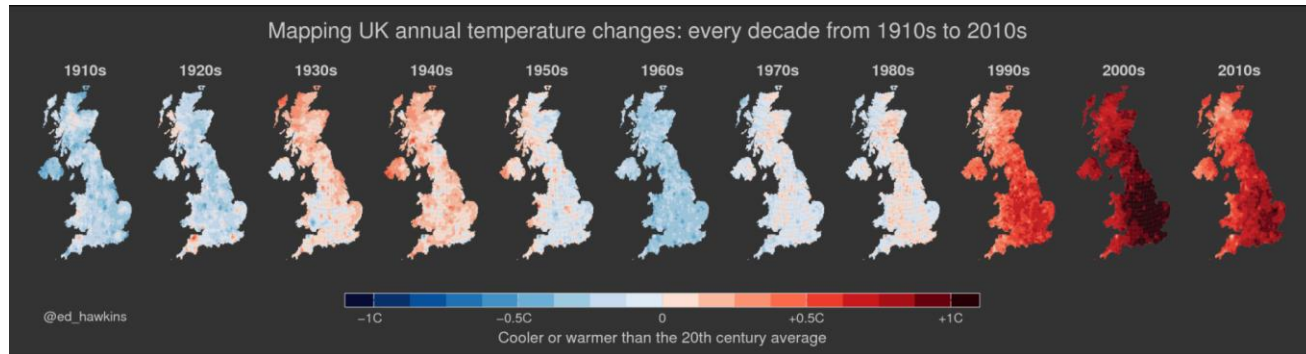
A dash of high cloud forest Mexico is being brought to Westonbirt this year in the form of *Acer binzayevii*. It currently grows in much hotter and wetter conditions, the environment predicted for us - but not for a few years yet . . .

Pushing boundaries in what we can grow well is not new in horticulture. Our accession reflects the progressive thinking the 190-year-old National

Arboretum brings to our five national collections.

Also contributing to our Acer species Collection are *A. lobeli* and *A. monspessulanum*. They give us the security of wonderful yellow and red autumnal colours that draw visitors to us each year and we know grow well in the hot and dry regions from Southern Europe to Israel.

Climate Proofing the Trees and Woodlands of The National Arboretum





Bee orchid, greater butterfly orchid

1400 species of fungi

500 moth species

20 butterfly species

11 worm species

9 bat

**birds, invertebrates, mammals,
wild flowers, amphibians.....**



Penny Jones – Arboretum Propagator



Accessions Map

- **Heritage & Historical Value**
- **Landscape Interest**
- **National Collection**
- **Education & Learning**
- **Science & Research**
- **Conservation**



Quercus garryana – Klamath River CA

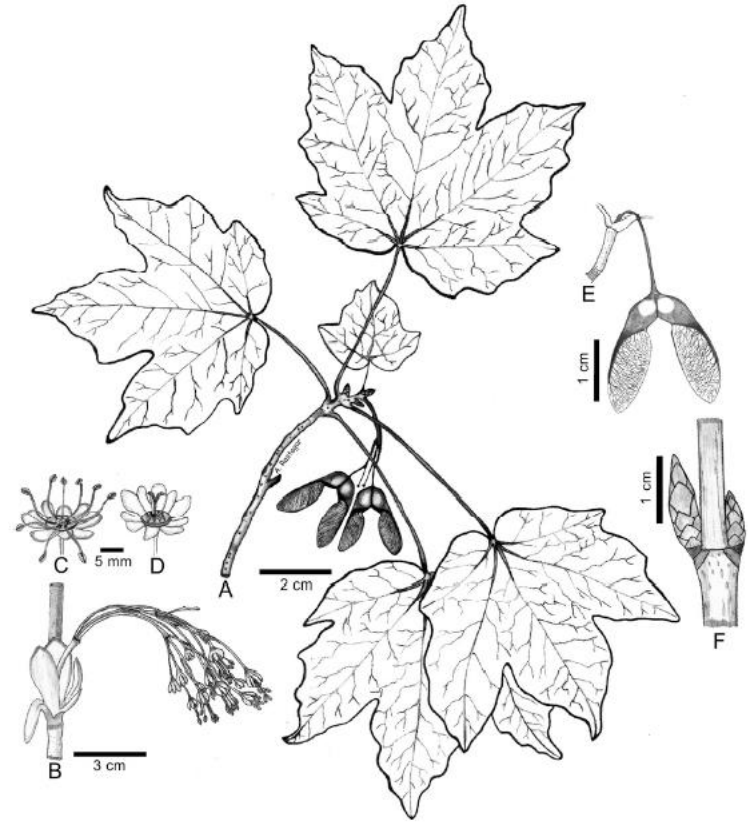








Acer griseum





Acer monspessulanum