

Kinnaird

Hotel, restaurant & sporting estate

Kinnaird Champion Trees

In all Kinnaird boasts seven Champion trees, the tallest of their species known. Of these seven three are Champions in the whole of Britain and Ireland, whilst the remaining four are Champions of Perthshire.

It was rather a remarkable discovery to find such a large concentration of such exceptional trees in a relatively small area. All of these trees can be found either in the Pinetum or nestled into the slopes of the Crag. It is this Crag that is said to have offered such good protection for the trees to have reached their current proportions

Britain and Ireland Champions

The European Silver Fir – *Abies Alba*

Standing at an impressive 52 metres this is the tallest Britain and Ireland Champion tree but amusingly not the tallest tree on the Estate. Standing at the base of the crag just across from the walled garden, this tree's bole or trunk is poker straight, and is said to be still growing.

Oriental Spruce - *Picea Orientalis*

Standing at 38 metres this slender tree set in the middle of the Pinetum is rather dwarfed by its taller Fir and Cedar neighbours, but do not let that fool you into the thought that this is a small tree as the next largest registered Oriental Spruce is a full 11 metres shorter.

Nootka Cypress – *Xanthocyparis Nootkatensis*

At 32 metres this is one of the smallest of the Kinnaird Champions, but with its full foliage and conical Christmas tree shape it is certainly one of the most photogenic. Set in the heart of the pinetum behind the Oriental Spruce this tree enjoys one of the most sheltered positions imaginable.

County Champions

Grand or Giant Fir – *Abies Grandis* 56 metres and still growing fast, we are hoping that over the next decade or so there is the possibility for this to overtake the current Britain and Ireland Champion at Blair Castle, some 6 metres taller.

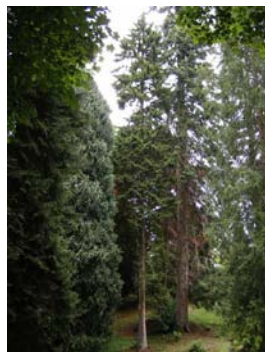
Lawson's Cypress – *Chamaecyparis Lawsoniana* At 40 metres this is said to be a remarkable example of the species.

European or Common Ash – *Fraxinus Excelsior* A woodland grown example of this Ash standing at 32 metres.

Western Red Cedar – *Thuja Plicata* Standing guard over the entrance to Kinnaird this slender 45 metre Cedar is actually of the Cypress family, rather than being a true Cedar it is a product of 'Cedar Shingles'



Abies Alba



Picea Orientalis



Chamaecyparis Lawsoniana



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