
Overview

This standard is about the monitoring and management of specimen trees in public and private areas

This standard has been developed to reflect the specific nature of the requirements and the depth and breadth of specific knowledge and understanding that underpins these requirements

Specimen trees include veteran trees as well as those that have an amenity value, are rare species, and/or have historic significance

This standard is for those responsible for the management of specimen trees

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 identify any other risks and health and safety implications for the wider public involvement with the tree(s)
- P2 identify opportunities and constraints relevant to the management of the tree
- P3 take account of issues surrounding the site, the tree(s) and public access
- P4 evaluate their **value and viability**
- P5 produce management plans to protect the identified value of the tree
- P6 identify resources to enable implementation of management and monitoring procedures
- P7 regularly review and monitor the management plan
- P8 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times in accordance with current legislation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to identify hazards and assess risks
- K2 how to interpret risk assessments
- K3 the safety implications of retaining a specimen tree in the public realm
- K4 what trees would be suitable to be classified as specimen trees taking into account locality, species, growth habit and rarity ecological/historical value, etc
- K5 the value of specimen trees for conservation with particular reference to bats, insects, lichens and nesting habitats
- K6 how to produce management plans
- K7 **systems for managing and monitoring** specimen trees
- K8 the requirement for recording action taken and monitoring the tree(s) and the immediate environment
- K8 how to evaluate the **value and viability** of specimen trees
- K9 your responsibilities under current environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice and any additional requirements for a specimen tree

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Additional Information

Scope/range

Value and viability

- 1 amenity value
- 2 rare species
- 3 historic significance
- 4 safety
- 5 ecological benefits
- 6 life expectancy
- 7 aesthetics
- 8 public
- 9 social

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Scope/range related to knowledge and understanding

Systems for managing and monitoring specimen trees: regular inspections, implementing ecological work such as coronet cuts, creating wound areas, developing niche habitats improving value

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