



Melford Hall Gardens

Notable trees & points of interest

1 The **ginkgo biloba** or **fossil tree** is a species that dates back over 200 million years. Its leaves are uniquely fan-shaped and turn deep yellow in autumn.

2 Legend has it that Judas Iscariot hanged himself from a **Judas tree**, causing the flowers to turn red.

3 The **tree of Heaven** was introduced from China in the 1740s. They spread so fast that they are now an invasive species.

4 Our **mulberry tree** may date back as far as the 17th century, when these trees were introduced as a food source for silkworms.

5 No one knows the age of our magnificent **oriental plane tree**, but in the Eastern Mediterranean they can live for over 500 years.

6 The **yellowhorn tree**, native to China, is notable for its edible seeds, flowers and leaves.

7 The undulating form of a **crinkle-crackle wall** provides stability for walls of only a single brick's thickness. More than half of all such walls are in Suffolk.

8 A **ha-ha** is an 18th century optical illusion. It is a sunken wall that creates a barrier without interrupting the view.