

PENDUNCULATE OAK (*Quercus robur*)

A peculiar feature of the oak is the growth of the long green “Lammas” shoots in July; the young leaves of this second flush have a distinct rust red colour. Pollination is by wind. Seed distribution is more or less accidentally by animal agencies!

Seed may be collected from beneath the trees in October and sowed at once. The acorns are on stalks. The acorns of the Sessile oak do not have stalks.



The sapwood of oak is lighter in colour than the heart and is perishable when exposed to moisture. Acorns are supposed to wait until they are brown and then shed; but the one on the right could not wait to get going!



I am having great difficulty in growing oaks in Sandhurst Copse & Sheepwalk, which is frustrating as reasonable form oaks grew well 50 – 80 years ago; but that is another story.

[1] “British Woodland Trees”, H L Edlin, 1949, p35.