



Richardson's Botanical Identifications

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Dear Sirs

16 Belsize Park Gardens

The samples you sent in relation to the above have been examined. Their structures were referable as follows:

TH1, 0.5m		
4 no.	Examined root: PLATANUS (Plane). This sample was in POOR condition.	Alive, recently*.
4 no.	All sections or pieces of BARK only - alas insufficient material for identification.	
TH1, 1.0m		
1 no.	Examined root: similar in many ways to ULMUS (Elm). Tentative - this was a very IMMATURE sample (under 0.15mm in diameter).	Dead* (note this 'dead' result can be unreliable with such thin samples).
1 no.	Microscopic examination showed insufficient cells for recognition.	
TH2, 1.3m		
4 no.	Examined root: PLATANUS (Plane).	Alive, recently*.
TH2, 1.8m		
1 no.	Examined root: essentially too immature for identification; NOT particularly like a conifer.	Dead*.

Click here for more information: [PLATANUS](#) [ULMUS](#)

I trust this is of help. Please call us if you have any queries; our Invoice is enclosed.

Yours faithfully



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* Based mainly on the iodine test for starch. Starch is present in some cells of a living woody root, but is more or less rapidly broken down by soil micro-organisms on death of the root, sometimes before decay is evident. This result need not reflect the state of the parent tree.

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