



Richardson's Botanical Identifications

Root identification
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Dear Sirs

Root ID - Ver II

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

BH1, 1.5m		
1 no.	Examined root: BETULA (Birch).	Alive, recently*.
1 no.	Examined root: TILIA (Lime).	Dead*.
BH1, 2.0m		
1 no.	Examined root: BETULA (Birch).	Alive, recently*.
TH2, 1.1m		
2 no.	Examined root: TILIA (Lime).	Dead*.
TH2, 1.6m		
2 no.	Examined root: HEDERA (Ivy) - or the related FATSIA (a robust shrub with fig-like leaves).	Alive, recently*.

Click here for more information: [BETULA](#) [TILIA](#)

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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