

JANUARY DIARY

Winter bark, berry and flower

Trees and shrubs with coloured and textured bark

Salix alba 'Britzensis'

The pollarded willows on the banks of Peg's Pond, are forms of Salix alba, with amber and red stems.



Cornus sericea Var. 'Flaviramea'



Yellow-stemmed dogwood, *Cornus sericea Var.* '*Flaviramea*', grows nearby under the weeping willow and in the Bog Garden.



Red-stemmed dogwood, Cornus alba 'Siberica' is set back behind the heathers, Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire' has orange and red stems which show throughout the winter months and can also be found in the Bog Garden.



Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire'

The "River Birch", Betula nigra, has papery shredding buff coloured bark. Two of these trees grow on the north side of the Main Stream; one above the Heather Garden and the other towards the top.



Three "Himalayan Birches", Betula jacquemontii, with striking white stems, stand on the lawn above Thomson's Pond.

Betula jaquemontii



The "Tibetan Cherry", *Prunus serrula*, has gleaming mahogany-red bark beginning to peel into curly shreds. One is set back on the lawn to the north east of Thomson's Pond. Three other good specimens may also be found in Wilson's Glade.

Acer hersii, at the north end of the Acer Glade path, is one of several 'snake bark' Acers in the garden.





Erica x darleyensis

Erica x darleyensis comes into flower in its pink and white forms. Tawny seed heads of Erica vagans remain decorative all winter.



'Portuguese Heath' Erica Lusitanica

The tall "Portuguese Heath", *Erica lusitanica*, bears slightly fragrant tubular white flowers opening from pink buds throughout winter.

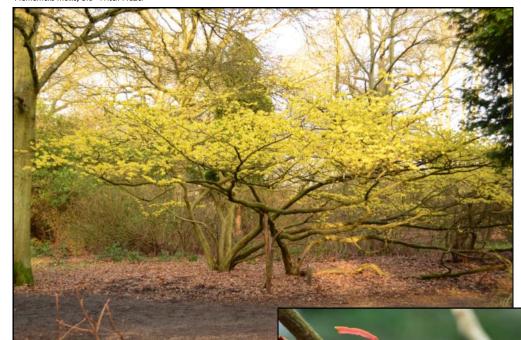
Clumps may be found towards the top of the Heather Garden, near the junction of Thomson's Stream and the Main Stream.

The 'Sacred Bamboo', Nandina domestica, planted behind the heather in several places, is truly a plant for all seasons. Decorative evergreen leaves are tinged purple in spring and autumn, panicles of white flowers open in the summer to provide orange red berries throughout winter.



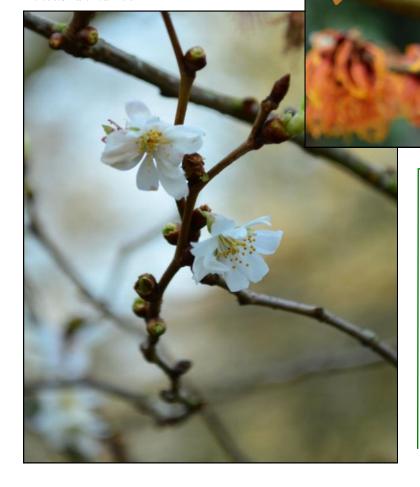
Flowering shrubs

Hamamelis mollis, the "Witch Hazel"



Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena'





Hamamelis mollis, the "Witch Hazel", has fragrant yellow tassel flowers. Two large shrubs stand by the gate to Broomfield Hill. Another hybrid variety, called 'Jelena', has ginger coloured flowers and grows in the woodland ride to the west of the garden.

Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis' grows close to the Top gate and also set back in the glade behind Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena'. It produces semi-double, white flowers intermittently throughout the winter months.



Lonicera X purpusii 'Winter Beauty', is a shrubby honeysuckle which bears tiny white fragrant flowers throughout winter. A group of these shrubs grows by the Acer Glade path.

Rhododendron dauricum 'Midwinter'

Rhododendron dauricum 'Midwinter', also beside the Acer Glade path, has small rose-purple flowers.



The Isabella Plantation team wishes you an happy new year!







