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**Fruit Identification at Apple Week 2023**

One of our favourite parts of Apple Week each year is working with the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group to help visitors identify types of apple and other fruits from their trees.

If you would like to bring your fruit (apples, pears, quince, medlar, japonica, etc) to us and take advantage of this special opportunity, this is what you need to do:

Select 3-4 samples of your particular fruit, all from the same tree. Select examples typical of the fruit as a whole and not distorted or different in shape from the rest of the crop.

1. Avoid selecting unripe apples that are well before the date they would naturally fall. Apples can change considerably in size and colour in the last weeks before being ready to pick. We will not make decisions about fruit that are very unripe, as they can be incorrect!
2. Select fruit that are unbruised or have no recent damage or patches of rot. Also, try to select apples that have no black entry holes where codlin moth larvae have penetrated (sometimes this will be difficult to see in the ‘eye’ – the fruit apex where the sepals remain). Codlin moth alter or destroy the fruit core which can be important for identification of variety.
3. Place apples and similar fruits in paper bags and fold the top over. Place pears in polythene bags and seal or tie. If they are close to being ripe, pears may quickly turn into mush and affect other samples. Apples generally do not decay so completely and benefit from contact with air, so these types of packaging are preferable.
4. In each bag of samples, place a paper label indicating the tree number as shown on the record sheet, 1, 2 etc. Use this Identification number to link up with fruits – i.e. Surname 1, Surname 2, etc and mark on the bags too.
5. Bring your apples to the museum on Saturday 21st October using a heavy-duty paper bag or fabric bag (not plastic if at all possible).
6. Complete the Fruit ID Sample Sheet and bring it with your samples.
7. Come and speak to the specialists from the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 21st October 2023 to see what you can discover! Additional Fruit ID Sample Sheets will be available on the day.
8. If you require any help, please ask one of the museum team.

**SUFFOLK TRADITIONAL ORCHARD GROUP**

**FRUIT SAMPLE/S FOR IDENTIFICATION RECORD SHEET (USE SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH LOCATION AND ATTACH TO RELEVANT SAMPLES)**

**Address of tree/s location: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Post Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Location: garden, farm, open country, other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age of the house or site? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**CONTACT DETAILS: NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**These details will be used for the purposes of fruit identification only and will be shared with the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group for this purpose.**

**Email address**

**Event, Collector, or where presented for identification: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**DATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_IDENTIFIER:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Sample 1 (write or tick choices).** **IDENTIFICATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**How old is the tree** (if you know): **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Diameter of trunk** at chest height: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in or cm.**

**Estimated height of tree: \_\_\_\_\_\_ft or metres. Do you EAT the FRESH fruit? \_\_\_\_ COOK \_\_\_\_ or BOTH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**& when? Straight off the tree? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If not when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you know *any* name for it? or what did someone call it? Anything else you can tell us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Sample 2 (write or tick choices). IDENTIFICATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**How old is the tree** (if you know): **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Diameter of trunk** at chest height: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in or cm.**

**Estimated height of tree: \_\_\_\_\_\_ft or metres. Do you EAT the FRESH fruit? \_\_\_\_ COOK \_\_\_\_ or BOTH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**& when? Straight off the tree? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If not when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you know *any* name for it? or what did someone call it? Anything else you can tell us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Sample 3 (write or tick choices). IDENTIFICATION\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**How old is the tree** (if you know): **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Diameter of trunk** at chest height: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in or cm.**

**Estimated height of tree: \_\_\_\_\_\_ft or metres. Do you EAT the FRESH fruit? \_\_\_\_ COOK \_\_\_\_ or BOTH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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