Elaeagnus-leaved Pear

Pyrus elaeagrifolia

This ornamental pear is one of two Champion Trees found at Whiteknights. A champion tree is the largest known example of a species in the country either the size of its trunk diameter or height but not necessarily both.

Introduced from SE Europe in around 1800 this attractive flowering tree has silvery felted young leaves especially on the underside.

The twisting bark resembles Sweet Chestnut. Look out for the drain pipe in the trunk!