



International Dendrology Society

Trees and Shrubs *Online*

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

IDS *Trees and Shrubs Online* (TSO), a project of the International Dendrology Society, is a free-to-access digital encyclopaedia of woody plants cultivated in temperate parts of the world. It aims to be a contemporary, comprehensive and authoritative reference for botanists, ecologists, foresters, gardeners, landscapers and everyone who needs reliable information on the subject. No other such work exists, in print or digital format.

TSO is being produced for everyone interested in temperate woody plants, having worldwide relevance. Its production benefits the environment, enabling informed decisions to be made on planting choices in a time of change and thus assisting the development of resilient landscapes. It supports the education of students and the public across the broad spectrum of horticulture and botany, and it enhances worldwide understanding of the rich heritage of cultivated plants.

KEY STATISTICS 2023

Monthly unique visitors	c. 30,000
Annual visitors	c. 480,000
Number of entries	15,550
Number of entries commissioned for TSO	7,657 (50%)
Number of published images	19,850

Figures for year to February 2024



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GENERA PUBLISHED IN 2023

<i>Anthyllis</i>	March
<i>Astragalus</i>	March
<i>Corylus</i>	April
+ <i>Crataegomespilus</i>	February
× <i>Crataemespilus</i>	February
<i>Desfontainia</i>	July
<i>Embothrium</i>	November
<i>Enkianthus</i>	January
<i>Eucommia</i>	January
<i>Euptelea</i>	January
<i>Glyptostrobus</i>	July
<i>Hippocrepis</i>	February
<i>Kalopanax</i>	September
<i>Lindera</i>	August
<i>Lupinus</i>	February
<i>Mespilus</i>	February
<i>Ononis</i>	February
<i>Podocarpus</i>	July
<i>Pseudotsuga</i>	October
<i>Sciadopitys</i>	April
<i>Zelkova</i>	October

A list of all the genera fully revised to date is available at: www.treesandshrubsonline.org/about/completed-groups/



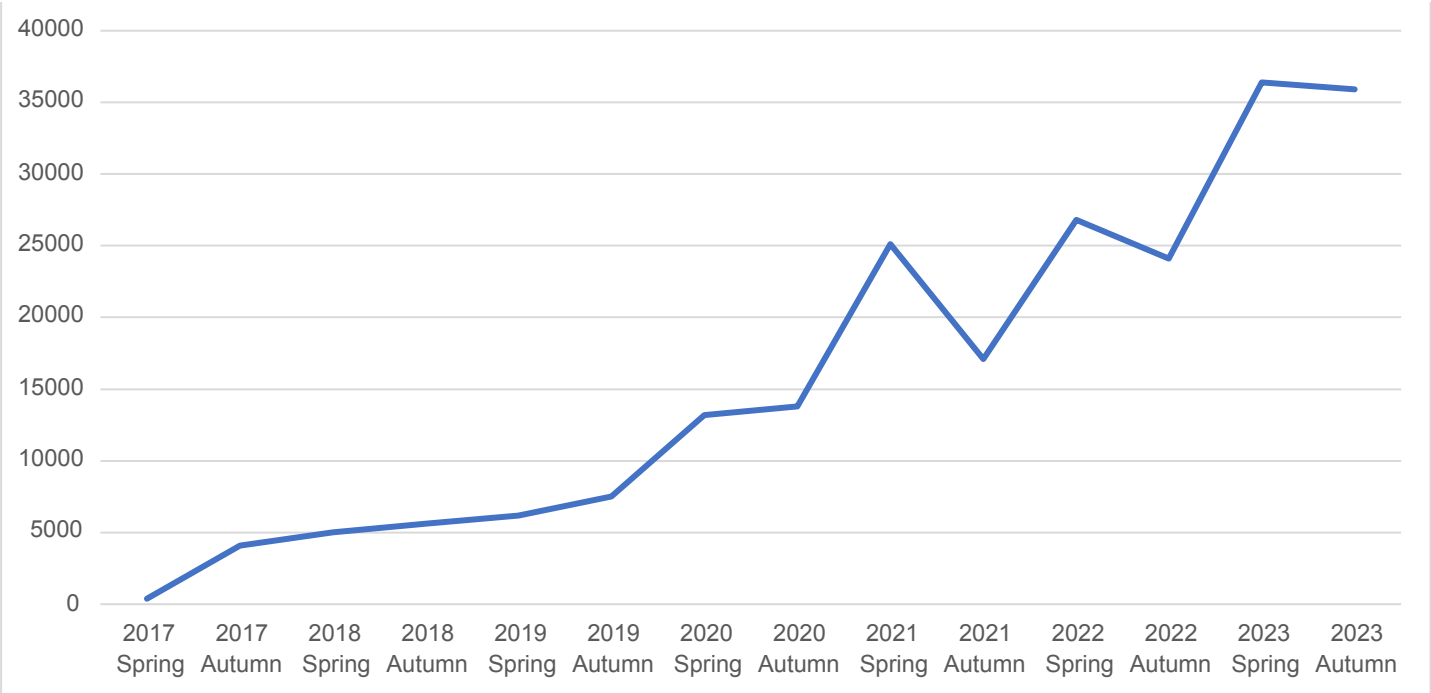
TSO is being created by commissioned specialist authors who prepare new entries, which are rigorously edited by the editorial team before publication to the public website (www.treesandshrubsonline.org), ensuring the highest possible standards.



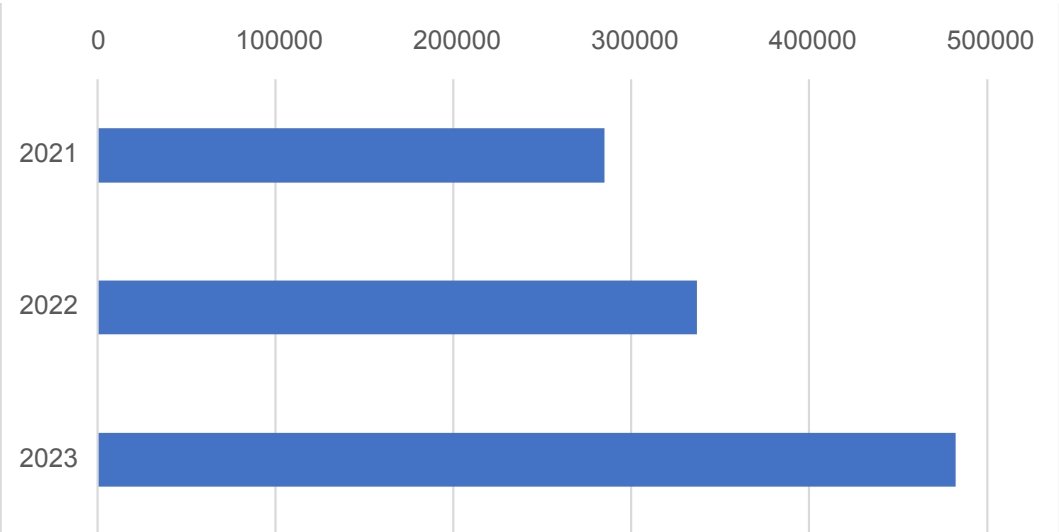
THANK YOU

TSO relies on generous donations to meet its core costs and on sponsorship to enable new text to be produced. We are extremely grateful to all those individuals and organisations that have contributed to date.

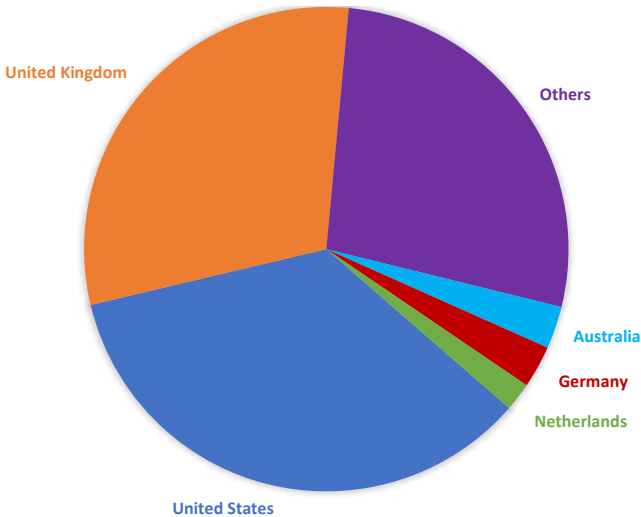
Monthly Unique Visitors History



Annual Visits



Visitors by Country



Growth in the monthly number of unique visitors has been continuous over the lifetime of the site, reaching nearly 36,400 in May 2023, drawn from all over the world but especially the United States and United Kingdom.

TSO STUDY DAY

A TSO Study Day on *Sorbus* and its allies was held at the Yorkshire Arboretum on 29 September and was well-attended and well-received. Speakers were Hugh McAllister, Keith Rushforth, Ewan Anderson and John Grimshaw.

Governance and Personnel

IDS *Trees and Shrubs Online* is managed through a committee of the International Dendrology Society chaired by Tony Kirkham MBE, VMH, reporting to the Council and Trustees of the society. Financial management is undertaken by IDS staff at the office in Herefordshire, supervised by the Treasurer William Kerr and the society's accountants.

During the year a fundraising feasibility research project was commissioned from Anna Rowe and Patricia Castanha.

The TSO project is directed by Dr John Grimshaw MBE, Editor-in-Chief, assisted by Deputy Editor Tom Christian. Technical support is provided by Bill Hemsley of Arkesis Ltd. In the course of the year 14 authors have been involved in producing text, mostly based in the United Kingdom, but including Belgium, the United States, Mexico and Uruguay. Audrey O'Kane joined the team in November 2023 as a volunteer picture editor.



Looking Ahead: 2024

A number of very large genera have been in progress through 2023, reducing the rate of new publications but not diminishing the amount of activity. Major ongoing revisions include: *Acer* (North American taxa), *Cornus*, *Hydrangea*, *Picea* and *Quercus* sect. *Lobatae* and *Sorbus sensu stricto*. It is expected most of these will be completed in 2024.

Nearing publication early in 2024 are *Alnus*, *Ginkgo*, *Koelreuteria*, *Sassafras*, *Sequoia*, *Sequoiadendron*, *Tetracentron* and a number of genera allied to *Parrotia*. Major sponsorships received with revisions due to begin in 2024 are for *Crataegus*, *Larix*, *Platanus* and *Taxus*.

Sponsorship continues to be sought for funding work on genera and for support of running costs.



Photographs Front: *Forsythia*. Inside top left: *Enkianthus perulatus* / Simon Rickard.
Inside top right: *Pseudotsuga macrocarpa*. Inside bottom: *Embothrium coccineum*.
Back left: *Enkianthus chinensis*. Back right: TSO *Sorbus* study day.

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