

The Monkey Puzzle Tree                      scientific name *Araucaria araucana*

This beautiful example is an evergreen tree which can grow up to 40 m (130 ft) tall with a 2-m (7-ft) trunk diameter.

It is believed that the tree can live to around 1,000 years old. The tree is native to central and southern Chile and western Argentina. It is the national tree of Chile.

This tree species was introduced into Europe from around 1850 and would probably have been planted around the end of the nineteenth century when Conyngham Hall belonged to Basil Woodd.

Did you know? Whitby Jet is the fossilized wood from species similar to the Monkey Puzzle tree and is approximately 182 million years old.