**Essential and useful source material for orchard management and fruit identification**

**Identification and description guides.**

**Apples.** *John Bultitude, 1983, Macmillan (out of print) –* an essential guide to the identification of apples with keys, colour plates and detailed descriptions.

**The Apple Book.** *Rosy Sanders, 2010, Francis Lincoln Ltd* – a beautiful and very useful identification guide to 100+ commoner varieties of apple. Out of print and selling for silly prices, if you have one don’t lose it.

**The Apples of England.** *H.V.Taylor, 1936, Crosby Lockwood & Son Ltd* – Still a really useful identification guide if you can find it.

**Apples - a field guide*.*** *Michael Clark, 2003, Whittet books* – a useful but not essential guide to a selection of apple varieties.

**The Apples and Orchards of Worcestershire – A County Pomona.** *Wade Muggleton, 2017, Aspect Design* – a great overview of Worcestershire’s particular apples.

**Apples of the Welsh Marches.** *Marcher Apple Network, 2008* – useful little booklet covering traditional varieties in Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcester, Shropshire and East Wales.

**The Book of Pears.** *Joan Morgan and Elisabeth Doyle, 2015, Ebury Press* - an essential directory of over 500 UK pear varieties, including perry pears, plus excellent essays on the history of pears and their cultivation.

**Bulmer’s Pomona.** *Caroline Todhunter, Ray Williams and Rodney Shackell, 1987, Fourth Estate* – a beautifully illustrated and produce Pomona covering 35 of the most widely grown traditional cider apple varieties in Herefordshire. Out of print and currently selling at £135.

**Cider Apples: The New Pomona.** *Liz Copas, 2013, Short Run Press Ltd, Exeter –* a really useful identification guide to these difficult little beggars with much other useful information to boot.

**Cherries: production and culture.** *Martin Crawford, 1997, Agroforestry Research Trust* – currently the only available reference work to the arcane world of the cherry.

**A Cornish Pomona.** *James Evans & Mary Martin, 2014, published by the authors* – a lovely little photographic identification guide to 170 apple varieties in the South West.

**Directory of Apple Cultivars.** *Martin Crawford, 2001, Agroforestry Research Trust* – essential guide to UK apples including cider apples, covering over 3000 cultivars. Includes useful information on rootstocks, soil preferences, when to pick and how long to store etc.

**Directory of Pear Cultivars.***Martin Crawford, 1996, Agroforestry Research Trust* – a very useful guide to the cultivation of pears with useful data on pollination and picking times.

**FruitID.** [**www.fruitid.com**](http://www.fruitid.com)– a fantastic website for fruit identification. Currently only covering apples but intended also to bring cobnuts, pears and plums into scope in the future.

**The Fruit Manual.** *Robert Hogg (1923), reprinted by Bibliolife* - one of the great early guides to the identification of all fruit varieties including soft fruit and still a useful guide.

**The Grafter’s Handbook.** *R.J.Garner, 1954, Shenval Press Ltd* – *a very useful if somewhat dated guide emanating from the late lamented East Malling Research Station.*

**A handbook of hardy fruits, apples and pears.***Edward A Bunyard, 1920, London –* one of the earliest fruit identification guides and still extremely useful. Out of print.

**Native Apples of Gloucestershire.** *Charles Martell, 2014, Glocestershire Orchard Trust* – a great identification guide to all the Gloucestershire varieties, dessert, culinary and cider.

**Native Plums (Prunus) of Gloucestershire.** *Charles Martell, 2018, Hartpury Heritage Trust* – the title says it all, another great offering from Charles Martell.

**The New Book of Apples.** *Joan Morgan and Alison Richards, 2002, Ebury Press* – an essential directory of over 2000 UK apple varieties, including cider apples, plus excellent essays on the history of apples and orcharding.

**Pears.** *Jim Arbury and Sally Pinhey, 1997, Butler and Tanner Ltd* – a very useful identification guide with plates to the commoner varieties of pear.

**Pears of Gloucestershire and Perry Pears of the Three Counties.** *Charles Martell, 2013, Hartpury Heritage Trust* – an essential guide to the dark art of perry pear identification.

**Perry Pears.** *Luckwill and Pollard, 1963, University of Bristol* – one of only two perry pear identification guides available.

**Plums.** *Jim Arbury and Sally Pinhey, 2002, Beaumont Publishing Pte Ltd* – one of only a handful of books on plums covering history, propagation and rootstocks, cultivation and the identification of 56 varieties.

**Plums: production, culture and cultivar directory.** *Martin Crawford, 1996, Agroforestry Research Trust* – the only printed guide available to cultivation and identification of plums.

**A Somerset Pomona: the cider apples of Somerset.** *Liz Copas, 2004, Grenadier publishing Ltd* – detailed identification guide with photos to cider varieties of the West Country including Herefordshire.

**Vintage Fruit:** *Marcher Apple Network, 2007, Compact Disc* – illustrations, colour plates, section s and descriptions from the classic works of reference of Cider Apples and Perry Pears. A fantastic resource containing Pomona Herefordiensis; The Apple and Pear as Vintage Fruits; Perry Pears; Cider Apples and their Characters and Bulmer’s Pomona.

**Welsh Marches Pomona.** *Michael Porter, 2010, Marcher Apple Network* – a beautifully illustrated guide to 30 or so of the rarer apples of the Welsh Marches.

**The Worcester Black Pear**. *Wade Muggleton (with recipes by Clare Tibbits), 2018* – a great little book covering all aspects of an iconic pear.

**History, Folklore and other miscellanea**

**Apple Games and Customs.** *Common Ground, 2005* – nice little booklet.

**The Apple Source Book.** *Sue Clifford and Angela King, 2007, Common Ground* – loads of apple recipes plus other interesting stuff.

**Cider.** *Annie Proulx (yes, that Annie Proulx) and Lew Nichols, 2003, Storey Publishing* – a great little book, although American, on making cider, vinegar, brandy etc.

**Cider Apple Growers Guide.** *Liz Copas, 2011, National Association of Cider Makers* – aimed mainly at commercial growers but has much useful information on planting, pruning etc.

**Ciderland.** *James Crowden, 2008, Birlinn Limited* – a lovely exploration of the culture and history of cidermaking in the West Country and profiles of many well known cidermakers.

**The Common Ground book of Orchards: conservation, culture and community.** *Common Ground, 2000* – a lovely book on the cultural and wildlife heritage of orchards.

**Community orchards handbook.** *Common Ground, 2008* – does what it says on the tin.

**The Compleat Gard’ner: or, Directions for Cultivating and Right Ordering of Fruit-Gardens, and Kitchen-Gardens; by Mounsieur De La Quintinye. Now Compendiously Abridged.***De la Quintinye, translated by John Evelyn, 1699, facsimile reprint form EEBO Editions* – covers everything you would want to know in 1699 much of which is still relevant!

**The Compleat Planter & Cyderist by a Lover of Planting.** *2003 facsimile reprint of the original 1685 publication, edited by Barry and Sarah Juniper. Privately published.* A fantastic read, covering early aspects of fruit tree management – grafting, planting, orchard design, grafting, harvesting and cider making.

**A Harvest of Apples.** *Ruth Ward, 1997, Sage Press* – compilation of apple recipes with lots of useful information on cooking and preserving apples.

**Insects on cherry trees.** *Naturalists Handbook 27, Simon Leather and Keith Bland, 1999, Richmond Publishing* – Ronseal compliant.

**Orchards and Groves: Their History, Ecology, Culture and Archaeology. Landscape Ecology, Vol. 7, 2008.** *Ian D. Rotherham (ed.), 2008, Wildtrack Publishing* – proceedings of a conference held at Sheffield Hallam University. Loads of interesting stuff with orchards in Herefordshire playing a prominent role.

**Orchards - Through the Eyes of an Artist.** *Jonathan Latimer, 2005, Latimer Press* – a beautifully illustrated tour of orchards throughout the UK.

**Protecting our orchard heritage: a good practice guide for managing orchard projects.** *Ida Fabrizio, 2008, Sustain* – a useful reference for those thinking of running an orchard project.

**The pruning of trees, shrubs and conifers.** *George E Brown, 1998, Timber Press* – a useful guide to pruning techniques for trees and shrubs.

**Ripest Apples.** *Compiled by Roy Palmer, 1996, The Big Apple Association* – an anthology of verse, prose and song.

**The Story of the Apple.** *Barry E Juniper and David J Madley, 2006, Timber Press* – a wonderful scholarly work on the origin of the apple and its cultivation.

**Trees for your garden.** *Nick Dunn, 2010, The Tree Council* – more a book about ornamental trees but provides some general information about a range of top-fruit varieties and some general, but useful information on pruning, harvesting, diseases etc.

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