

Perth and Kinross

The sites on this page already appear in the Gazetteer, but the trees have not been recorded since the date shown in the descriptions below.

Birkhill, nr Dundee	Precise location is unknown. In an 1867 publication it was "supposed that these yews were planted around a place of worship." Described as a "curious and unique yew hedge, or rather what has several centuries ago been a hedge, allowed to escape the shears, and overgrow itself in a most remarkable way." The 3 trees, with girths of between 6' and 9' formed 3 sides of a rectangle and covered an area of more than a quarter of an acre.
Cleish Castle	An avenue of yews – no further details.
Loch Laidon	The 1846 Topographical Dictionary of Scotland has the following: "Loch Laidon is about eight miles to the west of Glen Rannoch; it is six miles in length, and little more than half a mile in breadth, and is studded with several picturesque islands, richly wooded. Its shores are indented with numerous small creeks, and diversified with boldly-projecting promontories; and near the western extremity of the lake is an island of yew-trees, among which the red deer frequently shelter, and the eagle rears its young."
Marlee	Arboretum and Fruticetum (1838) has the following description: "at Marlee, near Dunkeld, a male and a female tree, standing close together, of very large dimensions, and in a vigorous state of growth."
Parkhill, near Blairgowrie	Hutchison (1890) gives no clues as to the precise location of this yew. "The yew, girthing 15' at 5'.....grows in good loam on a clayey subsoil. It was at that time shaped like a mushroom, appearing identical to a drawing taken of it in 1744." Its probable planting date was given as 1610. Another old yew, described as on the Culfargie estate, Blairgowrie was described in <i>Hunters' Woods, Forests and Estates of Perthshire</i> 1883, as having a girth of 610cm.
Stanley House	The village of Stanley is 4 miles north of Perth. The house is now in ruins; these are described as the 'enigmatic remains of the original Stanley House, a 17th century laird's mansion with strong Jacobite connections'. They were open to the public on one afternoon last year combined with a visit to nearby Inchbervis Castle. In 1846 'two remarkably fine yew trees' were described growing on the lawn near Stanley House.
Taymouth	Arboretum and Fruticetum (1838) has the following description: "at Taymouth, 100 years old, it is 40 ft high, the diameter of the trunk 2 ft, and of the head 36 ft." The most likely location is on the Taymouth Castle estate.