

YEW TREES IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

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NB: Geographical definition of the "Scottish Highlands" is based on the area covered by the Highlands & Islands Tourist Board.

Few notable yew trees occur in the Scottish Highlands. Ancient trees are marked by * . Very few wild Yew trees occur, the trees growing in Moniack woods being notable..

ARGYLL

FORD OS NM 869037 Sheet 55

A fine Yew in the village churchyard.

INVERARAY OS NN 107100 Sheet 56

A fine row of Yews flanking the approach drive to Inverarry Castle. Many were cut down in a road widening scheme in the mid 1980's.

INVERNESSHIRE

BEAULY OS NH 519472 Sheet 26

Several modest sized Yew trees occur in private gardens 1 Km NW of Beauly.

CAWDOR CASTLE* OS NH 849500 Sheet 27

Some fine Yew trees in the castle gardens.

DRUMNADROCHIT. OS. NH 518301 Sheet 26

A modest roadside Yew tree 0.5 Km east of Drumnadrochit at the turn off to Lower Drumbuig.

INVERNESS. Several trees occur in the town:

OS NH 452663 Sheet 26

A fine Yew occurs in the car park of the Education Support building in Kenneth Street.

OS NH 656442 Sheet 26

Several trees grow in the cemetery on Tomnahurich Hill.

OS NH 661435 Sheet 26.

Several Yew trees growing on and around Ness Islands.

OS NH 655454 Sheet 26.

A Yew tree grows in a private garden on Fairfield Road.

OS NH 667445 Sheet 26.

Several fine Yew trees growing in the entrance to the Kingsmills Hotel.

INVERMORISTON OS. NH 419168. Sheet 34

A Yew tree ? just W of the village by the side of the A887.

MONIACK OS NH 569432 Sheet 26

Probably the most abundant growth of Yew trees in the Scottish Highlands. They occur scattered along the forest walk. No notable trees, but a fine grove of trees occurs just at the entrance to the woods by the car park.

ROSSHIRE

EASTER ROSS.

EVANTON OS NH 691671 Sheet 21

Several modest size Yew trees growing at the driveway entrance to Assynt House, 2 Km's NE of Evanton.

STRATHPEFFER OS NH 486585 Sheet 26

A fine tree grows in the garden of the Museum of Childhood behind the tourist information office.

SUTHERLAND A number of small to medium sized Yews in Dornoch.

WESTER ROSS

ULLAPOOL OS NH 138937 Sheet 19

Several ornamental Yews growing in churchyard by the side of the road just south of Ullapool.

DUNDONNELL* A fine and ancient specimen in the grounds of Dundonnell House.