

Icklingham: Charcoal

Large fragments of charcoal were recovered by hand selection during excavation and charcoal was also extracted by flotation from soil samples. Fragments smaller than 5 mm. were not identified. The results are presented in Tables and summarised in Fig.

Discussion

Hand-collection and flotation produced a similar range of taxa, though oak charcoal was relatively more common in the charcoal samples recovered by flotation. Charcoal of this species tended to split along the rays and was thus generally more fragmented than charcoal of other taxa.

Oak was the most important individual species, though hazel and hawthorn-type charcoal was present in some quantity along with ash, maple and Prunus. Although ecological interpretations of charcoal assemblages must necessarily be tentative it seems probable that this charcoal is largely derived from scrub and light woodland.

	<u>Quercus</u> sp. (oak)	<u>Crataegus</u> -type (hawthorn group)	<u>Corylus</u> sp. (hazel)	<u>Corylus/Alnus</u> sp. (hazel or alder)	<u>Fraxinus</u> sp. (ash)	<u>Acer</u> sp. (maple)	Unidentified
0003	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
0010	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
0018	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
0042	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
0049	-	?	-	-	-	-	+
0511	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
0512	+	-	-	+	-	-	-
0514	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
0513	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
0516	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
0525	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
0526	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
0543	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
0550	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
0551	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
0570	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
0571	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
0594	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
0623	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
0625	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
0632	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
0633	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
0643	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
0660	+	-	+	-	-	-	+
Total	7	7	7	2	3	5	8

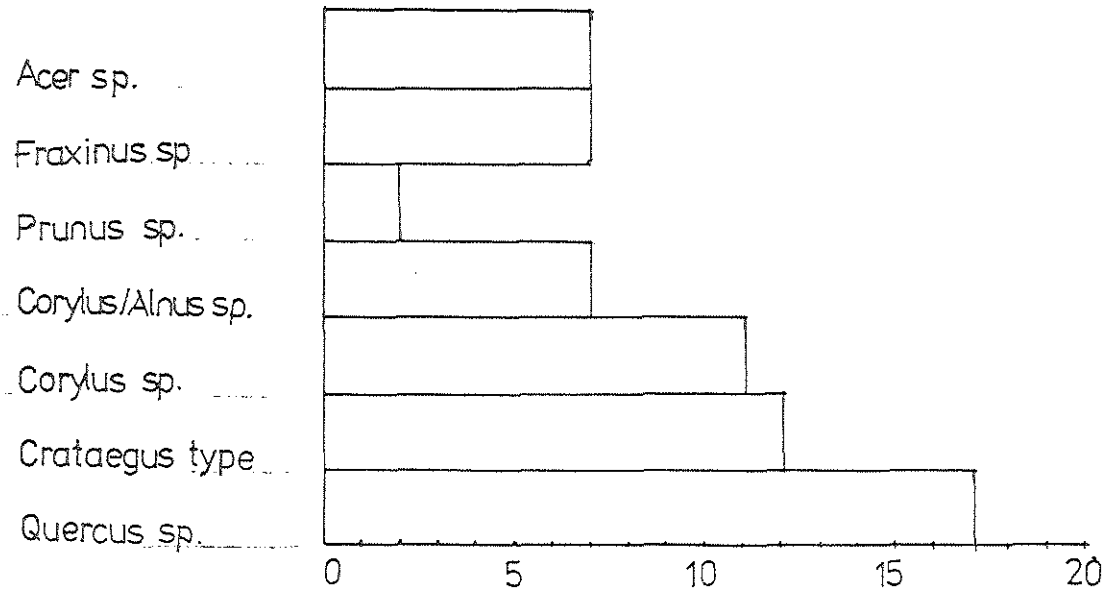
Table : Icklingham : Hand-collected charcoal fragments.

* Acorn cotyledons

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0547	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
0555	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
0559	-	?	-	+	-	+	+
0560	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
0637	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
0639	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
0641	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
0660	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
0662	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
0663	+	-	?	-	+	-	-
0664	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
0670	+	?	-	+	-	+	-
0671	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
0677	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
0678	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
0686	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
	10	5	4	5	2	4	2

Table : Icklingham : Charcoal fragments recovered by flotation.

All samples produced additional small unidentified fragments.



No of samples with
species present