

Radiocarbon samples from a bronze age ring ditch site at Eaton, Leics.

Two samples were submitted for identification prior to radiocarbon dating. Identifications were made from fractured transverse surfaces, and were not checked on longitudinal surfaces.

801004 "Charcoal with cremated bone in the central burial."

The sample consisted mainly of Hazel or Alder (Corylus/Alnus sp.) from twigs or branch-size material.

801005 "From hearth feature in partially silted ring ditch."

The following taxa were identified:-

Hazel/Alder

Elder? (Sambucus sp.)

Oak (Quercus sp.)

Ash (Fraxinus sp.)

A conifer (possibly Yew, Taxus sp.)

Most of the charcoal was from fairly mature timber (i.e. no curvature visible on the growth rings), with a small amount of twiggy material.

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