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Summary

Identification report on wood preserved by iron  
corrosion products on six Roman objects.

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Organic material associated with ironwork from the National Trust Estate, Hadrian's Wall.

**873626**

3902 (52) HS  $\Delta$ 1122

Iron ox-goad with mineral preserved wood in the socket, but not enough to sample for species identification.

**873641**

3900 (156) EG  $\Delta$ 349d

Iron ox-goad with mineral preserved wood in the socket, but it is preserved as magnetite so that it impossible to sample for species identification. However, the pattern of growth rings indicates that the wood used was either branch wood or coppiced timber.

**873654**

383-T41 (1)  $\Delta$ 537

Iron axe with mineral preserved wood in socket, Corylus sp. (hazel).  
SEM No.B331

**873677**

3900 (465) JK  $\Delta$ 819

Iron spearhead with mineral preserved wood in socket, Fraxinus sp. (ash) from coppiced timber.

**873697**

3900 (227) EK  $\Delta$ 440

Large iron chisel with mineral preserved wood in the socket, but it is preserved as magnetite so that it impossible to sample for species identification. However, the pattern of growth rings indicates that the wood used was either branch wood or coppiced timber.

**873702**

3900 (292) CK  $\Delta$ 536

Iron knife with mineral preserved wood on tang, probably Salix sp. (willow) or Populus sp. (poplar).  
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