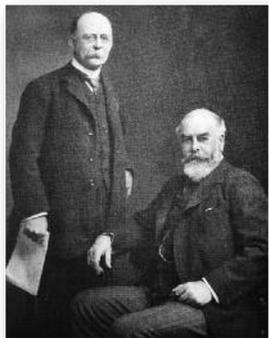


“A forest is the finest thing in the world: it is the expression of nature in the highest form: it is so full of beauty and of variety.”

- Augustine Henry

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Augustine Henry and Henry John Elwes

Augustine Henry (1857–1930) was born in Dundee, but spent much of his youth in Cookstown, Co. Tyrone and Tyanece, Co. Derry. He graduated from Queen's College Galway (now NUI Galway) in 1877 where he studied natural science and philosophy. He obtained a M.A. in Queen's College (now Queen's University Belfast) and studied medicine in Edinburgh University but abandoned this profession when he entered the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Service at Shanghai in 1881. While in China, Dr. Henry became interested in plants, and from 1885 onwards he devoted his time to studying and collecting the local flora. He sent his plant collections, which comprised some 158,000 specimens to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Duplicates were distributed to other herbaria around the world including the National Botanic Gardens, Dublin. He returned from China to study forestry at l'Ecole Nationale de Forets, Nancy, France. After graduating, he was appointed the first professor of forestry in the Royal College of Science – later University College, Dublin where he exerted a major influence on the development of Irish forestry in the 20th century.

Henry John Elwes (1846–1922) was born at Colesbourne Park, Gloucestershire and educated at Eton College. In 1869, he resigned his commission in the Scots Guards and devoted the remainder of his life to plant collecting, botany and entomology. He inherited his father's fortune in 1891, and this enabled him to indulge his passion for the life of the travelling naturalist. He gained renown for collecting specimens of lilies during his many trips to the Himalayas and Korea. He was greatly influenced in this work by his wife Margaret Lowndes, whom he married in 1871. The first person to receive the Victoria Medal of the Royal Horticultural Society in 1897, he wrote the *Monograph of the Genus Lilium* and numerous other articles before joining Augustine Henry to research and eventually write *The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland*.

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Limited facsimile edition of The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland Henry John Elwes and Augustine Henry



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The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland

In the final years of the 19th century Henry John Elwes and Augustine Henry initiated their monumental work, which is regarded today as one of the greatest books on trees ever published. In 1906 the first volume of *The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* was published and by 1913 all eight volumes, including an index, had been completed.



The work contains a fascinating account of the worldwide travels of Elwes and Henry in search of trees; not only those that grow naturally in these islands but also species they believed would adapt to our climate and soils. In this regard their work is an international book of trees, described by Hugh Johnson as “a piece of scholarship ... unlikely ever to be repeated”. He said: “This epic work celebrates the last golden age of tree scholarship and arboretum making.”

To celebrate its 70th anniversary, the Society of Irish Foresters plans to publish a limited facsimile edition of Elwes and Henry’s masterpiece using modern printing and reproduction technology. Each of the 3,000 pages will be meticulously scanned to ensure that the text pages, 412 full page black and white platinum photographs, drawings, seven colour titles and five colour frontispiece pages are faithfully reproduced. It will be printed on Munken Pure paper to preserve the integrity of the original.

The special edition of *The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* will be published in two hardback options – linen covered board and half leather bound – both in the original large format of 315 X 250 mm.



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The original edition of *The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland* was supported by a number of patrons. Now, a century later, the Society of Irish Foresters plans to take a similar approach to funding this major publishing event. The names of patrons who support the publication will be featured alongside the original patrons. This anniversary edition will be available to patrons at the following “pre-issue” prices:

- sewn on cloth boards, rounded and backed with foil blocking. Special price €350 per set or through normal outlets at €500 per set;
- half leather bound with matching cloth finish and individually numbered at a special price of €1,250 per set. It will be offered through normal outlets at €1,500.



This is a rare opportunity for tree enthusiasts, foresters, botanists and arboriculturists to acquire a complete set of all eight volumes as only 300 were printed originally.

Opposite: Turkey oak, Mamhead, England

Above: White elm, Massachusetts, USA

Below: Sweet (or Spanish) chestnut, Ashford, Ireland

