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1 Supplementary material

2 Figure 1 Suppl. Scatterplot with the latitude in the y axis and in the x axis the growing degree days,

- 3 which is a measure of the cumulative annual degrees (measured as Σ (daily mean temperature 5.5)
- 4 whenever daily mean temperature > 5.5 °C) Met Office data, annual averages for 1970-2011 (Perry
- 5 and Hollis, 2005). The grey dots correspond to the occurrence of common ash in Great Britain, for
- 6 each 10x10km squares, data provided by the Botanical Society of the British Isles. The blue dots
- 7 correspond to the provenances of study. The two orange dots correspond to the trial sites. The dotted
- 8 lines correspond to the median values for latitude and for growing degree days.



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Table 1 Suppl. Coordinates and associated environmental information for provenance sites of origin.
 The "x" indicates the trial site (Llan = Llandovery; NYM = North York Moors) in which each provenance

12 was planted. Alt = Altitude, AP = Annual precipitation, GSL = growing season length (days where
13 temperature mean is over 5 °C for over 5 consecutive days).

| Brovonanco | Country | lat | Alt Long (m) | Alt | АР | GSL | S | Site | |
|----------------------|----------|--------|--------------------|-----|--------|--------|------|------|--|
| Flovenance | country | Lat | | (m) | (mm) | (days) | Llan | NYM | |
| Craigellachie | Scotland | 57.484 | -3.17 | 102 | 835.24 | 256.7 | х | х | |
| Rassal Wood, Kishorn | Scotland | 57.426 | -5.591 | 78 | 2623.5 | 268.5 | х | х | |
| Erchite Wood, Dores | Scotland | 57.368 | -4.345 | 56 | 852.79 | 285.4 | х | х | |
| Duisdale, Skye | Scotland | 57.176 | -5.751 | 18 | 2041.4 | 237.2 | х | х | |

| Den of Alyth | Scotland | 56.623 | -3.258 | 152 | 787.69 | 260.2 | х | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|-----|--------|-------|---|---|
| Glen Lyon | Scotland | 56.602 | -4.248 | 183 | 1778.6 | 249.6 | х | х |
| Fearnan Forest, Kenmore | Scotland | 56.579 | -4.037 | 142 | 1358.4 | 256.9 | х | х |
| Glasdrum Wood, Loch Creran | Scotland | 56.574 | -5.232 | 33 | 2505.3 | 306 | х | х |
| Ardtornish, Morvern | Scotland | 56.56 | -5.741 | 20 | 2145 | 290.7 | x | х |
| Kilninian, Mull | Scotland | 56.53 | -6.208 | 71 | 1741.1 | 273.7 | х | х |
| Pitcairns Glen, Dunning | Scotland | 56.3 | -3.573 | 119 | 1318.2 | 264.9 | х | х |
| Add Valley, Kilmichael Glassary | Scotland | 56.106 | -5.42 | 30 | 1771.1 | 295.5 | х | х |
| Shielhill Glen | Scotland | 55.911 | -4.825 | 107 | 1767.7 | 309.6 | х | х |
| Clyde Valley | Scotland | 55.68 | -3.913 | 159 | 1056.2 | 263.1 | х | х |
| Tweed Valley North Glen | Scotland | 55.588 | -2.662 | 68 | 712.21 | 270.9 | x | х |
| Crawick Water | Scotland | 55.381 | -3.929 | 162 | 1270.9 | 256.1 | х | х |
| Nith Valley | Scotland | 55.32 | -3.829 | 141 | 1455.1 | 232.6 | x | х |
| Penpont | Scotland | 55.235 | -3.853 | 90 | 1294.3 | 279.2 | х | х |
| Warks Burn | England | 55.088 | -2.222 | 90 | 825.79 | 272.7 | x | х |
| Castle Eden Dene, Peterlee | England | 54.743 | -1.352 | 102 | 708.49 | 297.3 | х | х |
| Forge Valley | England | 54.274 | -0.49 | 52 | 772.92 | 283.9 | х | х |
| Witherslack | England | 54.264 | -2.87 | 79 | 1473.5 | 306.3 | х | х |
| Ashberry Woods | England | 54.262 | -1.133 | 142 | 862.85 | 266.4 | x | х |
| Upper Wharfedale | England | 54.203 | -2.104 | 202 | 1619.4 | 233 | х | х |
| Park Wood &Hutton Roof | England | 54.182 | -2.689 | 170 | 1208 | 287.3 | x | х |
| Treswell Woods | England | 53.308 | -0.861 | 54 | 616.42 | 295.7 | х | |
| Via Gellia Woods | England | 53.104 | -1.619 | 239 | 980.75 | 285.4 | х | х |
| Betws-y-Coed | Wales | 53.079 | -3.799 | 57 | 1899.5 | 312.5 | x | х |
| Forest Bank, Marchington | England | 52.852 | -1.82 | 142 | 721.46 | 286.2 | х | х |
| Tick Wood, Ironbridge | England | 52.621 | -2.523 | 99 | 714.33 | 299.7 | х | х |
| Aberystwyth Area | Wales | 52.43 | -4.059 | 90 | 1051.2 | 329.1 | x | х |
| Out Wood | England | 52.166 | 0.415 | 96 | 623.85 | 303.9 | х | х |
| Hayley Wood | England | 52.158 | -0.11 | 79 | 562.16 | 305.2 | x | х |
| Groton Wood | England | 52.05 | 0.883 | 66 | 565.55 | 303.5 | x | х |
| Talgarth | Wales | 51.986 | -3.213 | 198 | 943.39 | 296.1 | x | х |
| Wyndcliff, Wye Valley | England | 51.678 | -2.679 | 208 | 1052.4 | 310.6 | x | х |
| Midger Wood | England | 51.606 | -2.285 | 160 | 861.5 | 301.2 | х | х |
| Cardiff Area | Wales | 51.546 | -3.234 | 158 | 1329.3 | 315.9 | x | x |
| Horner Wood, Porlock | England | 51.189 | -3.583 | 102 | 1541.2 | 293 | x | х |
| Pheasant Copse, Petworth | England | 51.011 | -0.628 | 60 | 859.63 | 318.7 | x | x |
| Bignor Hill | England | 50.908 | -0.616 | 194 | 936.24 | 300.4 | x | х |
| Greta Wood, Purbeck Ridge | England | 50.637 | -2.136 | 126 | 867.59 | 321.3 | x | x |

| Trait | Score | Description of the stage |
|------------------------------|-------|--|
| Flushing, spring phenology | 1 | Bud closed, black, fully dormant winter state. |
| | 2 | Bud swollen but still closed, green-black in colour. |
| | 3 | Bud scales partially separated, some leaves visible. |
| | 4 | Bud scales completely separated, leaves visible but still furled and extending <1cm beyond scales. |
| | 5 | Leaves elongated >1cm from scales and spreading but leaflets still furled. |
| | 6 | All leaflets separated and shoot expanding. |
| Senescence, autumn phenology | 1 | No leaf loss |
| | 2 | 1-25% leaf loss |
| | 3 | 26-50% leaf loss |
| | 4 | 51-75% leaf loss |
| | 5 | 76-99% leaf loss |
| | 6 | 100% leaf loss |

Table 2 Suppl. Stages of leaf phenology and the corresponding scores.

- 30 **Table 3 Suppl**. Simple regressions between each trait an climatic variables of the provenances. The
- 31 significance (p), R-squared (R²) and slope of the regressions. Variables extrapolated climatic data
- 32 provided by Met Office, 5x5 km polygons, annual averages for 1970-2011 (Perry and Hollis, 2005):
- 33 GSL= growing season length (days where temperature mean is over 5 °C for over 5 consecutive
- 34 days); GFD = ground frost days (Count of days when the minimum temperature is below 0 °C); AP =
- 35 annual precipitation (in mm); MFT is mean February temperature; and MJT is the mean July
- 36 temperature.

| Trait | Trial site | Climatic Variable | | | | | | | |
|--------|------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| IIdit | | GSL | GFD | AP | MFT | MJT | | | |
| Height | LLAN | R ² : 0.34, p<0.001 slope: 0.0084 | R ² : 0.25, p<0.001 slope: -0.9262 | R ² : 0.28, p<0.001 slope: -0.0309 | R ² : 0.27, p<0.001 slope: 21.062 | R ² : 0.46, p<0.001 slope: 20.867 | | | |
| | NYM | R2: 0.33, p<0.001 slope: 0.0030 | R ² : 0.29, p<0.05 slope: -0.3708 | ns | R ² : 0.28, p<0.05 slope: 6.680 | R ² : 0.33, p<0.001 slope: 5.940 | | | |
| DBH | LLAN | R2: 0.25, p<0.001 slope: 0.0131 | R ² : 0.20, p<0.01 slope: -0.0156 | R ² : 0.20, p<0.01 slope: -0.0004 | R ² : 0.20, p<0.01 slope: 0.3166 | R ² : 0.34, p<0.001 slope: 0.3430 | | | |
| | NYM | R2: 0.34, p<0.001 slope: 0.0232 | R ² : 0.33, p<0.05 slope: -0.0324 | ns | R ² : 0.32, p<0.05 slope: 0.5600 | R ² : 0.35, p<0.01 slope: 0.4839 | | | |
| Forks | LLAN | ns | ns | ns | ns | ns | | | |
| | NYM | R2: 0.19, p<0.001 slope: 0.0077 | R ² : 0.17, p<0.01 slope: -0.0031 | ns | R ² : 0.16, p<0.05 slope: 0.0581 | R ² : 0.16, p<0.01 slope: 0.0349 | | | |
| Flush | LLAN | R2:0.34, p<0.001 slope: -0.0843 | R ² : 0.24, p<0.001 slope: 0.1168 | R ² : 0.10, p<0.001 slope: 2.296e- 03 | R ² : 0.23, p<0.001 slope: -2.3387 | R ² : 0.40, p<0.001 slope: -1.7382 | | | |
| | NYM | R2: 0.31, p<0.001 slope: -0.0627 | R ² : 0.21, p<0.001 slope: 0.0867 | R ² : 0.12, p<0.001 slope: 1.893e- 03 | R ² : 0.22, p<0.001 slope: -1.7283 | R ² : 0.38, p<0.001 slope: -1.3563 | | | |
| Sen | LLAN | R2: 0.29, p<0.001 slope: 0.0984 | R ² : 0.23, p<0.001 slope: -0.1280 | ns | R ² : 0.23, p<0.001 slope: 2.5567 | R ² : 0.31, p<0.001 slope: 1.9637 | | | |
| | NYM | R2: 0.44, p<0.001 slope: 0.0425 | ns | ns | ns | R ² : 0.43, p<0.05 slope: 0.7314 | | | |

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- 44 **Table 4 Suppl**. Correlation coefficient between the provenances' latitude and the other climatic
- 45 variables. Variables extrapolated climatic data provided by Met Office, 5x5 km polygons, annual
- 46 averages for 1970-2011 (Perry and Hollis, 2005): GDD= growing degree days (Σ (daily mean
- 47 temperature 5.5) whenever daily mean temperature > 5.5 °C); GSL= growing season length (days
- 48 where temperature mean is over 5 °C for over 5 consecutive days); GFD = ground frost days (Count
- 49 of days when the minimum temperature is below 0 °C); AP = annual precipitation (in mm); MFT is
- 50 mean February temperature; and MJT is the mean July temperature.

| Variable | Correlation | Coefficient R and significance |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Growing degree days | GDD~Lat | R: -0.77, p < 0.001 |
| Growing season length | GSL~Lat | R: -0.65, p < 0.001 |
| Ground frost days | GFD~Lat | R: 0.57, p < 0.001 |
| Annual precipitation | AP~Lat | R: 0.50, p < 0.001 |
| Mean July Temperature | MJT~Lat | R: -0,79, p < 0.001 |
| Mean February Temperature | MFT~Lat | R: 0.46, p < 0.001 |

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