

Preparation of pollen slides for the B.B.K.A.
Microscopy Examination

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The candidate is required to prepare slides of six types of pollen. These are to be chosen from the following list:

- Forget-me-not
- Dandelion
- Oil-seed Rape
- Lime
- Poached-egg Plant
- Crocus
- Willow
- Hogweed
- Rosemary
- Sycamore
- Hawthorne
- Hazel
- Heather / Ling.

Each slide should be labelled with the date the slide was made, the scientific name of the plant and the approximate size of the grains.

The suggested method for preparing the slides is one that has been found to be reliable. It is one of several variations on an original theme and provides a good starting point from which one can develop a favoured method as experience is acquired.