

What trees can you see?

Trees are very important to all life on Earth. They produce around a quarter of the world's oxygen and are home and food for millions of animals across the world. They can be some of the largest and oldest living things on the planet.

It might not look like it, but trees shape the environment around them. They're known as environmental engineers. They can change landscapes and moderate environments, bringing about different types of habitats. No wonder they appear in countless historical, religious and fictional writings. They are pretty magical!

The UK is home to several species of native tree. Take a look at the leaves below. Can you find any of these trees in your local area?



Hazel

Corylus avellana



Hawthorn

Crataegus monogyna



Blackthorn

Prunus spinosa



Bird cherry

Prunus padus



Aspen

Populus tremula



Large-leaved lime

Tilia platyphyllos



Ash

Fraxinus excelsior



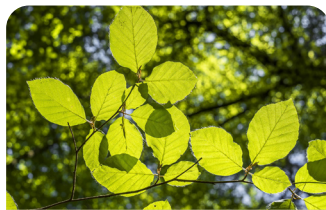
English oak

Quercus robur



Silver birch

Betula pendula



Beech

Fagus sylvatica



Black poplar

Populus nigra betulifolia



Field maple

Acer campestre



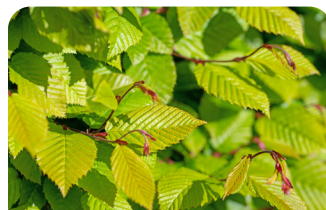
Crab apple

Malus sylvestris



English elm

Ulmus procera



Hornbeam

Carpinus betulus



Rowan

Sorbus aucuparia

What do the leaves FEEL like?

Does the tree SMELL? If so, what like?

**LISTEN to the tree, can you hear the wind rustling through the leaves?
What does it sound like?**

Can you describe your tree? What does it LOOK like?

Use a wax crayon to make a bark rubbing. Simply place your paper on top of the bark and rub the wax crayon over the paper.