

An (almost) A-Z of Tree ID

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As you are out and about exploring the parks of Milton Keynes, use the guide below to help you identify the trees that live around us. See if you can find them all. Tick them off on the list below as you find each one.

- Alder
- Birch
- Cherry
- Dogwood
- Elm
- Fir
- Guelder
- Hawthorn
- Juniper
- Lime
- Maple
- Oak
- Pine
- Rowan
- Service
- Willow
- Yew



Trees are the tallest and biggest type of plants. Scientists believe the first tree appeared on Earth during the Devonian period, between 350 and 420 million years ago!

Can you complete this alphabet by finding the names of any other plants that start with the missing letters?

A

Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)



The cones produced by alder trees are the fruiting female catkins.

B Birch, silver (*Betula pendula*)



Look out for the silver-white bark.

C Cherry, Wild (*Prunus avium*)



Cherry trees have distinctive rings on the bark.

D Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*)



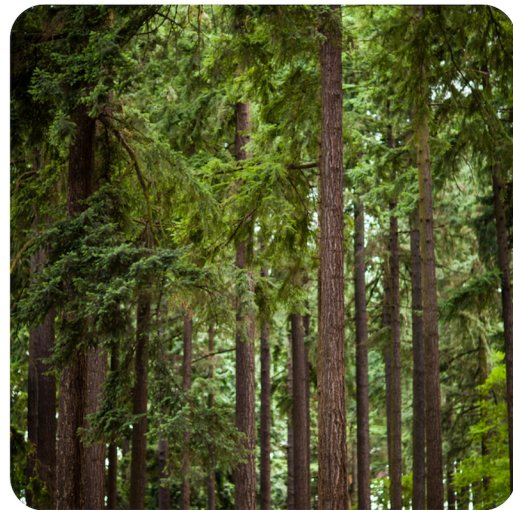
After pollination, the flowers develop into small black berries.

£ Elm, English (*Ulmus minor* var. *vulgaris*)



Look out for the unequal join on the leaf.

£ Fir, Douglas (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)



Douglas fir is monoecious, meaning both male and female cones are found on the same tree.

G Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*)



The bright red berries can have an unpleasant smell.

H Hawthorn (*Betula pendula*)



Look out for the silver-white bark.

J Juniper (*Juniperus communis*)



The grey-brown bark peels with age, and its twigs are reddish brown.

L Lime, Small (*Tilia cordata*)



The Small-leaved Lime flowers in July.

M Maple, Field (*Acer campestre*)



These trees can live for up to 350 years and show beautiful colours in the Autumn.

O Oak, English (*Quercus robur*)



Oak trees can provide a habitat for over 2000 different species.

P Pine, Scots (*Pinus sylvestris*)



Scots pine is the only truly native pine in the UK.

R

Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)



Rowan grows at a higher altitude than any other tree in the UK, because of this it is also known as mountain ash.

S Service Tree, Wild (*Sorbus torminalis*)



This tree has jagged leaves, white flowers and small, apple-like fruit.

W

Willow, Crack (*Salix fragilis*)



There are lots of different types of willow. They are usually by water.

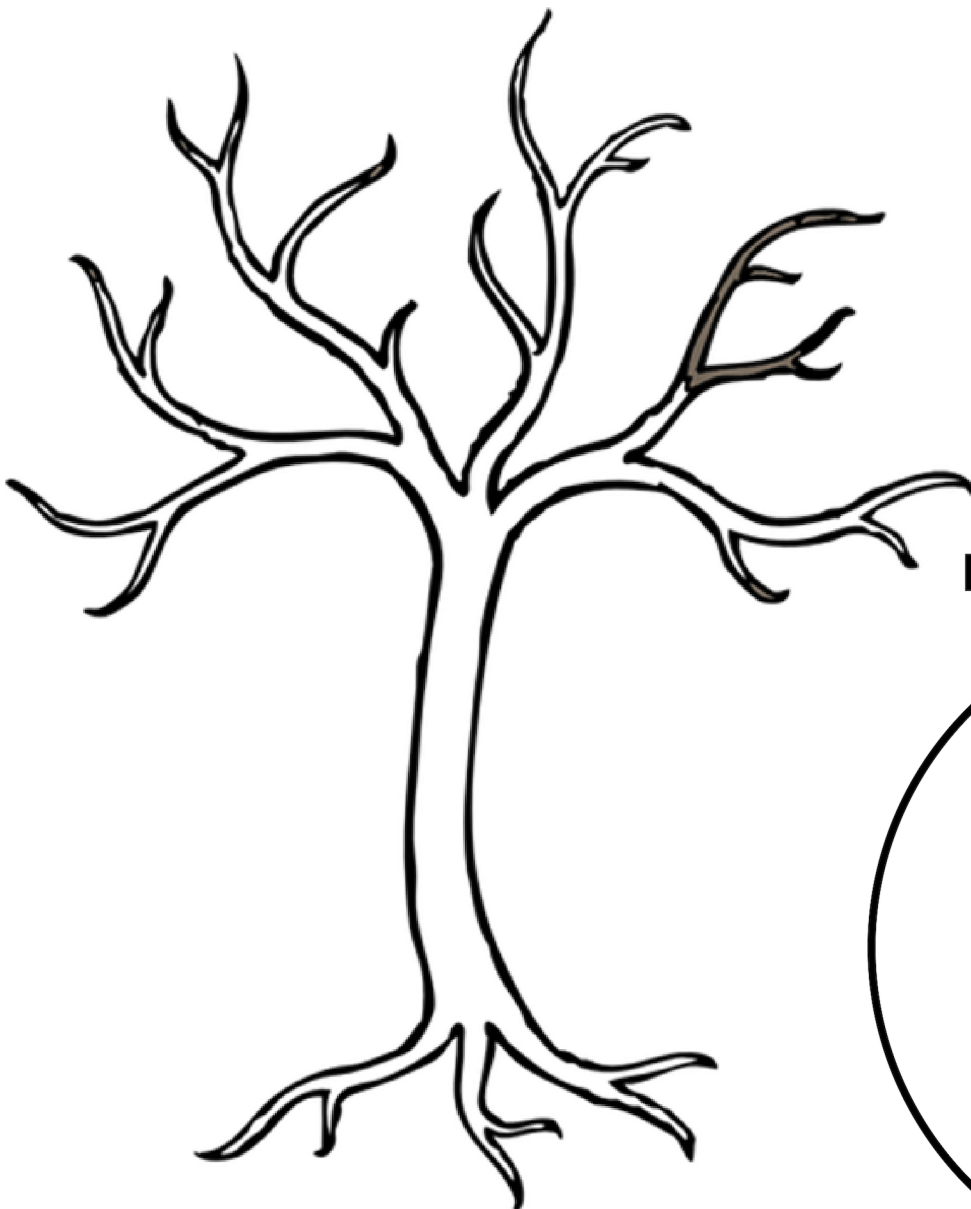
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Rowan (Sorbus aucuparia)

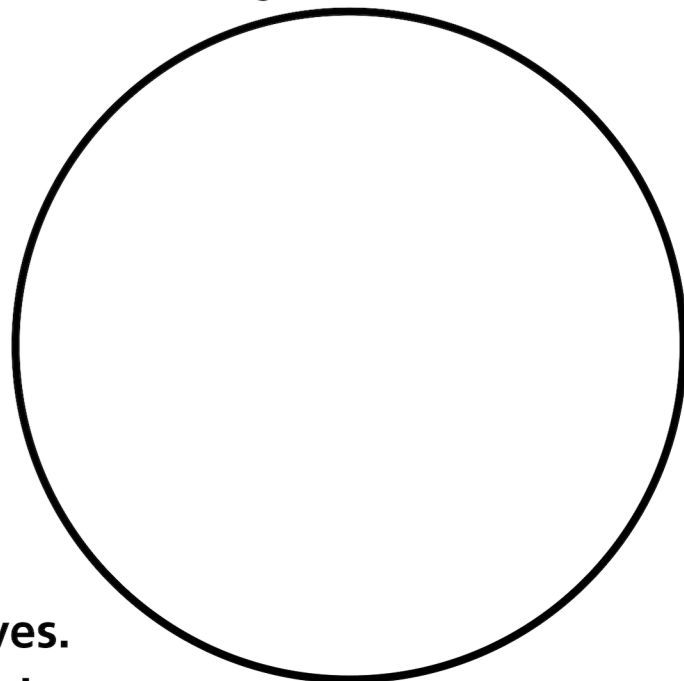


Yew is known as the tree of life, although it is actually toxic if ingested.

Colour a tree and draw your own leaf.



Draw your leaf here.



**Finish the tree by adding some leaves.
You could also add blossom and berries.**