



Trees

Aims

To use leaves to identify trees.

To recognise and name three common species of tree.

Tree Leaves

Visit an area of woodland (it doesn't need to be large) when the leaves are on the trees. Use the worksheet to identify sycamore, oak and beech trees by their leaves. The 'Tree File' CD ROM included with the 'get, set ... Grow' pack can be used to provide you with much more information about these trees. The fourth empty box is for the children to find a fourth leaf and draw it. You could then work with the children to use the database and other resources to try and identify their own choice of leaf.

Ask the children questions about the four trees they have identified. For example:

- ☉ Which is the smallest tree?
- ☉ Which tree has the largest leaves?
- ☉ Which tree do they like best and why?

Tree Seeds

For this worksheet the children need to draw arrows connecting each leaf shape with the correct fruit. Do this by searching under trees of each species to find their fruit.

The correct answers are:

- ☉ Beech - Mast
- ☉ Oak - Acorn
- ☉ Sycamore - Keys.

Tree Flowers

Many people are surprised to know that trees have flowers. If you are visiting your area of woodland in the early spring, you may be fortunate enough to find these. Some of these flowers are easily visible e.g. cherry 'blossom', horse chestnut 'spikes', and hazel 'catkins'. Some, including those shown on the worksheet, are much harder to spot.

On this worksheet, the children should draw arrows to connect each tree leaf with the flower of the same tree, before colouring them in. To make things much easier, both for you and the children, both the leaves and flowers have been named on the sheet.



Tree Leaves

Look for these leaves in the woods.



★ Beech



★ Oak



★ Sycamore

★ Draw another leaf here

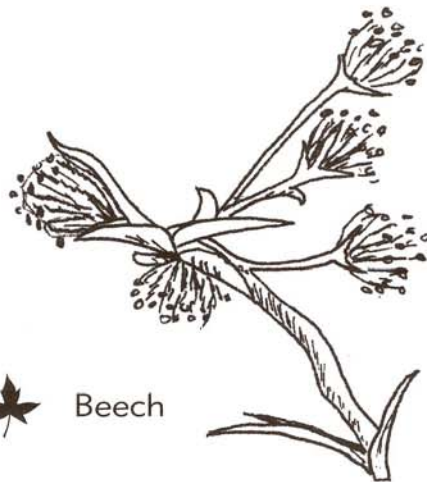


Tree Flowers

Draw lines to join the leaves of the trees to their flowers.



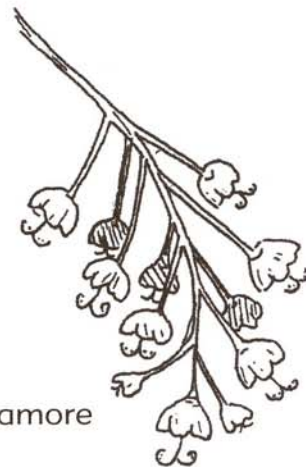
Sycamore



Beech



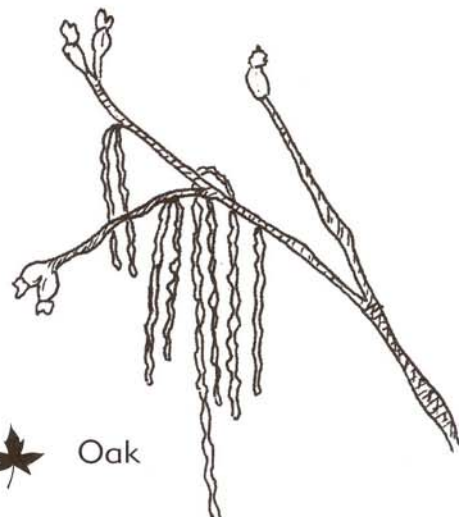
Oak



Sycamore



Beech



Oak



Tree Seeds

Draw arrows to match each leaf with the seed that comes from the same tree.



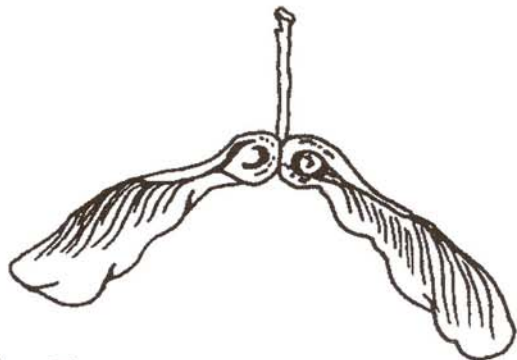
Sycamore



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