

# Be a National Trust nature spotter

Which of these trees and their leaves can you spot today?



**Sycamore** is a very fast growing tree with large leaves, which have a red stalk.



**Beech** trees have a very smooth bark and leaves that go a ginger colour in autumn.



**Ash** is one of our most common trees. It has long seeds called keys which are spread by the wind.



**Birch** is a small tree but is very quick growing. It often has attractive white bark.



**Sweet chestnut** has edible nuts and also very attractive bark.



**Whitebeam** has white felt under the leaves and produces lots of berries.



**Rowan** or mountain ash has lots of red berries in winter which birds love



**Horse chestnut** is easily recognised with its large, hand-shaped leaves and conkers.



**Cherry trees** have beautiful flowers in spring, followed by fruits which are quickly gobbled up by birds.

# Tremendous trees and lovely leaves



## What trees and leaves have you found today?


Draw a picture of your favourite find here:

## How many different species can you identify?

You can identify trees from their leaves, the shape of the tree and their flowers and fruit. Even in winter, when the leaves have gone from most trees, you can still identify them from leaf buds.

Trees are very useful. They give us shade, wood, fruits and seed. They also provide homes for birds, bats and insects.

'Catch a falling leaf' is one of the National Trust's top 50 things to do before you're 11 3/4. Tick this off your list and find the other 49 challenges at [www.50things.org.uk](http://www.50things.org.uk) or get a free scrapbook during your visit.

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