



What's that tree?

Simple Leaves



Oak
Dair



Hawthorn
Sceach gheal



Beech
Feá



Hazel
Coll



Holly
Cuileann



Birch
Beith



Alder
Fearnóg



Wild Cherry
Crann Silíni Fiáin



Guelder Rose
Caoir chon



Sycamore
Seiceamar



Lime
Teile



Elm
Leamhán

Compound Leaves (made up of several leaflets)



Ash
Fuinseog



Rowan
Caorthann



Elder
Trom



Horse Chestnut
Crann Cnó Capaill



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English Name	Irish Name	Tips for identification
Alder	Fearnóg	Deciduous. Oval shaped leaves with slightly 'wavy' edges and blunt tip. Flowers are catkins. Seeds occur in cones.
Ash	Fuinseog	Deciduous. Each leaf usually made up of 7 to 13 leaflets with relatively smooth edges. Pale bark. Black buds clearly visible in winter. Small dark flowers in early spring – before the leaves. Seeds are 'keys', occur in bunches and are dispersed by wind.
Beech	Feá	Deciduous. Oval shaped leaf with pointed tip. Leaves are smooth with small white hairs along the edges (look closely). Small green flowers in spring. Beech nuts seen in autumn.
Birch	Beith	Deciduous. Small 'heart-shaped' leaves with toothed edges. Flowers are catkins. Tiny seeds.
Elder	Trom	Deciduous. Usually 5 to 7 dark green leaflets on each leaf. White flowers seen in spring, dark purple berries seen in late summer/autumn.
Elm	Leamhán	Deciduous. Base of leaf is lower on one side of the mid-vein than on the other. Dark green leaves, very rough to the touch. Seeds look like papery discs – seen in early spring.
Guelder Rose	Caoir chon	Deciduous. Leaf has 3 lobes and a red stalk. White flowers in spring – cluster of small flowers surrounded by a ring of larger flowers. Crimson-red berries occur in bunches in late summer/autumn.
Hawthorn	Sceach gheal	Deciduous. Small, dark green leaves with deeply cut lobes. White flowers in spring. Red berries in autumn – <u>not</u> in bunches. Long sharp thorns along twigs.
Hazel	Coll	Deciduous. Bright green leaves, soft and furry to the touch, with point at tip. Male flowers are catkins, female flowers are red and very small. Flowers seen in winter and early spring. Hazel nuts seen in autumn.
Holly	Cuilleann	Evergreen. Dark green leaves with spiky edges and smooth upper surface. White flowers seen on both male and female trees in spring. Red berries only on female tree in autumn.
Horse Chestnut	Crann Cnó Capaill	Deciduous. Leaves made up of 5 to 7 leaflets. Large, tall, white flowers in spring. Chestnuts (conkers) seen in autumn. Winter twigs have large sticky buds at the end and 'horse-shoe' shapes along their length. These 'horse-shoes' mark where previous leaves grew.
Lime	Teile	Deciduous. Smooth leaves appear rounded but with very pointed tip.
Oak	Dair	Deciduous. Leaves have distinct lobes – leaf edges look very wavy. In spring, small green flowers hang under leaves like string. Acorns seen in autumn.
Rowan	Caorthann	Deciduous. Each leaf usually made up of 10 to 20 leaflets with toothed edges. Obvious white flowers occur in clusters in spring. Bunches of orange-red berries in late summer.
Sycamore	Seiceamar	Deciduous. Leaves are 'hand-shaped', with 5 'fingers' coming out from the central 'palm'. Green flowers hang under leaves in spring. Winged seeds (helicopters) occur in pairs in autumn – dispersed by wind.
Wild Cherry	Crann Silíní Fiáin	Deciduous. Leaf is relatively wide at the base but tapers to a sharp point at the tip. Leaf has toothed edges. 2 red 'bumps' on the leaf stalk, near the base of the leaf. White blossom in spring. Red berries ('cherries') in late summer/autumn.