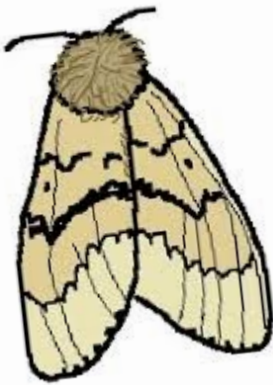




ALDER

**I WITHSTAND ROT UNDER WATER
VERY WELL. MUCH OF VENICE IS
BUILT ON ALDER PILES**



**I AM THE FOOD PLANT
FOR THE CATERPILLARS
OF SEVERAL MOTHS,
INCLUDING THE ALDER
KITTEN**

**AS I CAN BE PLANTED
IN WATER, MY ROOTS
MAKE A PERFECT NEST
SITE FOR OTTERS**





ALDER BUCKTHORN

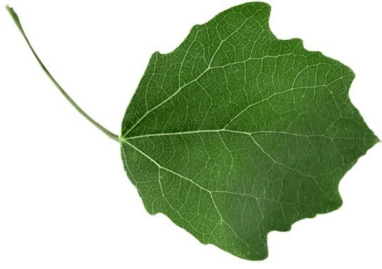
**I AM THE FOOD PLANT OF
THE BRIMSTONE BUTTERFLY**



**I CAN BE USED TO
MAKE DYE: YELLOW
FROM MY LEAVES AND
BARK, AND GREEN,
BLUE AND GREY FROM
MY BERRIES**

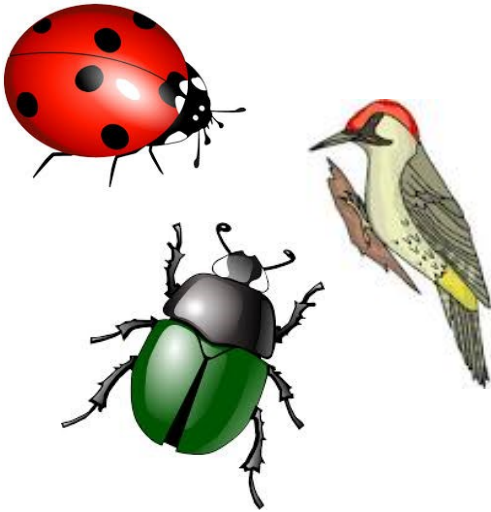
**I AM USED TO
MAKE CHARCOAL,
WHICH IS USED FOR
GUNPOWDER**





ASPEN

I CAN GROW TO 25M AND CAN LIVE FOR UP TO 150 YEARS



I ATTRACT A WIDE VARIETY OF INSECTS AND BIRDS

I AM A PREFERRED CHOICE OF HABITAT FOR BEAVERS



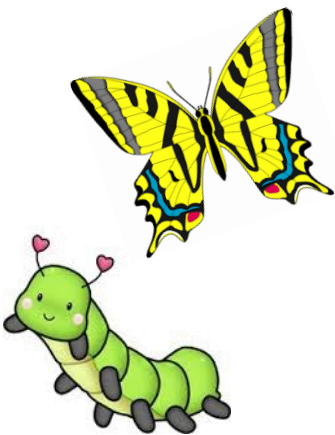
MY WOOD IS LIGHTWEIGHT, AND IS USED FOR MAKING OARS AND PADDLES



BLACKTHORN

I CAN GROW TO A HEIGHT OF AROUND 6-7M, AND LIVE FOR UP TO 100 YEARS

I FLOWER EARLY IN THE YEAR AND AM A GOOD SOURCE OF POLLEN AND NECTAR FOR BEES



MY LEAVES ARE A FOOD SOURCE FOR MANY CATERPILLARS, MOTHS AND BUTTERFLIES

MY BERRIES, KNOWN AS 'SLOES' ARE USED TO MAKE SLOE GIN





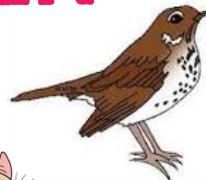
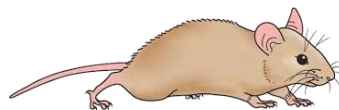
WILD CHERRY

I CAN GROW TO 30M AND LIVE FOR BETWEEN 60 AND 100 YEARS



MY SPRING FLOWERS PROVIDE NECTAR AND POLLEN FOR BEES

MY BERRIES ARE EATEN BY BIRDS, MICE AND BADGERS



I AM USED TO MAKE FURNITURE. MY WOOD IS HONEY COLOURED, AND CAN BE POLISHED TO A GOOD SHINY BROWN COLOUR



HAWTHORN

I CAN GROW TO 15M AND LIVE FOR BETWEEN 100 AND 150 YEARS

ONCE POLLINATED BY INSECTS, MY FLOWERS DEVELOP INTO DEEP RED FRUITS KNOWN AS 'HAWS'



THE HAWS ARE RICH IN ANTIOXIDANTS AND ARE EATEN BY MANY BIRDS AND SMALL MAMMALS

MY BERRIES ARE USED TO MAKE JELLIES, WINES AND KETCHUPS





HAZEL

I CAN GROW TO 12M AND LIVE FOR AROUND 80 YEARS, ALTHOUGH IF COPPICED I CAN LIVE FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS

I HAVE A REPUTATION AS A MAGICAL TREE.



The coppicing cycle over a 7- to 20-year period



A HAZEL ROD IS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT AGAINST EVIL SPIRITS, AS WELL AS BEING USED AS A WAND

HAZEL WAS GROWN IN THE UK FOR LARGE-SCALE NUT PRODUCTION UNTIL THE EARLY 1900S, BUT MOST OF OUR HAZELNUTS ARE NOW IMPORTED





HOLLY

I GROW UP TO 15M AND LIVE FOR UP TO 300 YEARS



I PROVIDE DENSE COVER AND GOOD NESTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIRDS, AND MY DEEP, DRY LEAF LITTER IS USED BY HEDGEHOGS AND SMALL MAMMALS FOR HIBERNATION



IN MEDIEVAL TIMES THE HOLLY TREE WAS SEEN AS A CHARM AGAINST WITCHES, GOBLINS AND THE DEVIL. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE UNLUCKY TO CUT DOWN A HOLLY TREE



FIELD MAPLE

I CAN LIVE FOR UP TO 350 YEARS

**MY FRUIT ARE CALLED
SAMARAS, (COMMONLY
CALLED HELICOPTERS) THE SEEDS
ARE IN PAIRS, ENCLOSED IN A
NUTLET, EACH ATTACHED TO A
FLATTENED WING OF TISSUE.**



**THEY ARE SHAPED TO SPIN AS
THEY FALL TO CARRY THE SEEDS ON
THE WIND.**



**THE WOOD FROM FIELD
MAPLE IS USED TO MAKE
HARPS**