BRITISH TREES & LEAVES

Real leaf photographs to help you identify trees outdoors.



OAK

LEAF ID

Rounded, smooth lobes

OTHER CLUES

Acorns in little cups

MISSION: Find an acorn.



BEECH

LEAF ID

Oval, pointed tip gently wavy edges

OTHER CLUES

Smooth grey bark

MISSION: Spot grey bark.



ASH

LEAF ID

One leaf is made of many leaflets

OTHER CLUES

Black buds; winged keys

MISSION: Count the leaflets.



BIRCH

LEAF ID

Small triangular toothed leaves

OTHER CLUES

White peeling bark

MISSION: Find white bark.



ALDER

LEAF ID

Rounded leaves with toothed edges

OTHER CLUES

Small woody cones

MISSION: Look beside water.



ROWAN

LEAF ID

Many narrow toothed leaflets

OTHER CLUES

Clusters of red berries

MISSION: Count the leaflets.

Leaf shapes vary. Use several clues such as bark and seeds for a confident ID.

MORE LEAVES TO DISCOVER

Three more photographed British trees to spot on your walks.



SYCAMORE

LEAF ID

Large, five-lobed toothed leaf

OTHER CLUES

Paired helicopter seeds

MISSION: Find a winged seed.



FIELD MAPLE

LEAF ID

Small, rounded five-lobed leaf

OTHER CLUES

Winged paired seeds

MISSION: Compare maple leaves.



HORSE CHESTNUT

LEAF ID

Five to seven broad leaflets from one point

OTHER CLUES

Spiky conker cases

MISSION: Look for conkers.

TWO MORE TO LOOK OUT FOR

HAZEL - Broad, roundish, toothed leaves; hazelnuts and hanging catkins.

HOLLY - Glossy, evergreen leaves, often with sharp spines; red berries.

Photos of these two trees are not included in the supplied reference chart.

TREE DETECTIVE NOTES

Your woodland field notebook

THREE DRAGON CHALLENGES

- [ ] Find two trees with different bark textures.
- [ ] Spot a smooth-edged leaf and a toothed leaf.
- [ ] Find a fallen seed or fruit - but never eat it.

DRAW A LEAF YOU DISCOVER

Where did you find it? _____

What was its bark like? _____

TREE SAFETY: Never eat wild leaves, berries or nuts. Protect living plants.

Leaf photos: cropped from the photographic reference supplied for this guide.