

Learning objectives

- To observe and identify different tree species in the field.
- To encourage pupils to explore different shapes, colours and textures found in the natural world.
- To investigate different habitats.
- To look at different leaves, seeds, buds and berries.

30-40
mins

KS1
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Teacher preparation

Site visit, risk assessment, plan a route and photocopy/ laminate ID charts. This activity can be accompanied by several other activities (see below).

Equipment & Resources

- Identification charts
- Bags for collecting leaves etc.
- Maps of Lagan Valley Regional Park

Main activity:

1. Tell each child to sit around a tree. Ask them to look at it closely.
2. Explain that they need to look at the shapes, textures and colours. Have them draw a quick sketch.
3. Now tell them to narrow their eyes and look closely at the tree. Can they see any unusual shapes?
4. If so, what? (E.g. people can often see faces in the bark)
5. Now have them sketch some of the things they can make out in the tree.

This exercise can also be done by looking closely at the clouds.