

# Activity: Tree Identification

## 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.

20-30  
mins

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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. This is a fantastic activity for pupils to do as part of a discovery/nature walk or as an exercise within the school grounds.
2. This activity can be carried out at different times of the year as part of a module on seasonal change.
3. Have a route planned either in your school grounds or within Lagan Valley Regional Park. (Maps are available to download).
4. Encourage the children to use their information sheets and ID charts to identify the native trees they find as they travel along the route.
5. Leaves and seeds could be collected to make a collage or record of their work

## Safety points

Site visit and risk assessments are essential for this activity. Ensure that the chosen area is free from hazards. Take great care when near water.

## Complementary Activities

- Tree Maths
- Leaf and bark rubbing
- Match the leaf game
- Sound cards
- Sticky cards