

Castle Gardens Trail Activity Pack





Discovering Trees

Using your tree identification chart, can you correctly identify 2 different trees? Draw the leaves or buds in the boxes below and label them.



Meet a tree ?

Choose a tree in the woodland.

Guess how old it is? _____

Now estimate how old the tree is by measuring the girth/circumference, then divide that number by 2.

This is because a tree grows around 2cm in circumference every year.

Girth of the tree _____ cm

Age of the tree is (Girth _____ cm \div 2 = _____ cm)



The Texture Game

The great outdoor is full of wonderful things to discover. In pairs choose one adjective (describing word) from the word bank below.

Hard	Soft	Wooden	Big	Square
Rough	Smooth	Damp	Tiny	Thick
Hairy	Prickly	Dusty	Round	Thin



You are now a detective. Try to find as many things around you that match your word. You can collect them in a bag or record them in the space below.

My adjective is _____

This is what I found that matched my word.



Minibeasts

Below the trees you can find lots of rotten leaves. This is called leaf litter. It is a fantastic habitat for minibeasts. Using a stick can you poke about in the leaf litter and see how many different types of minibeast you can find?



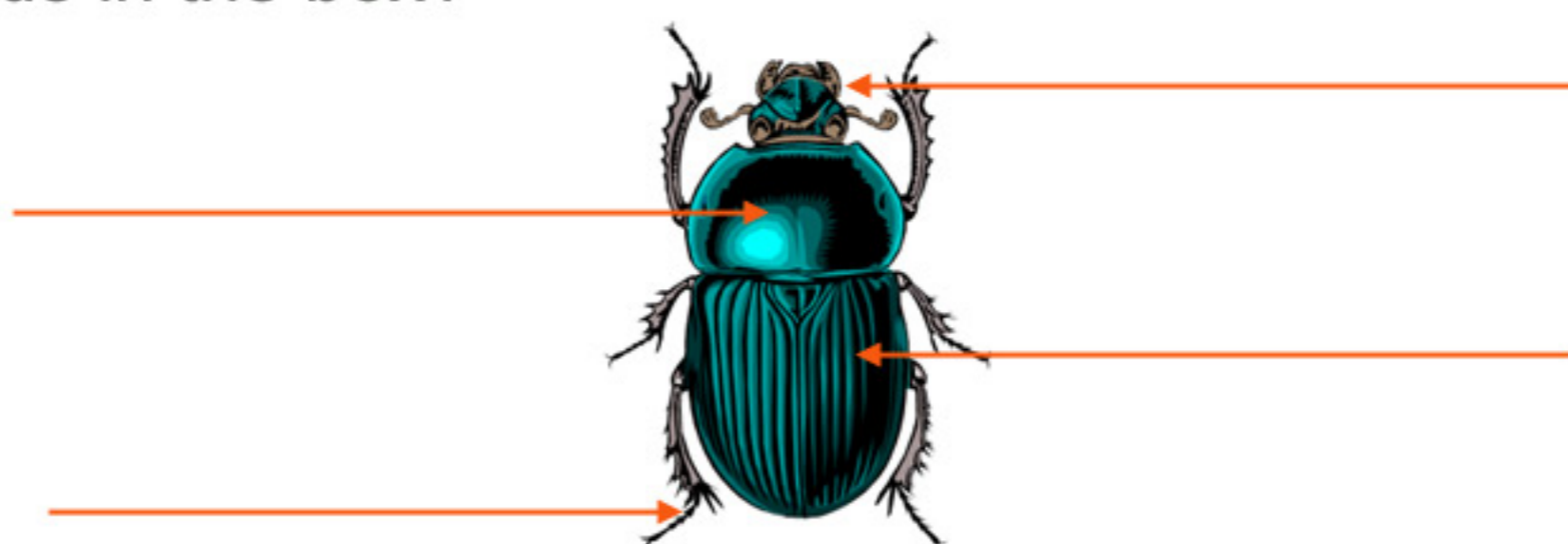
Fill in the table below with your results

Minibeast	Drawing	Tally count	Total
Snail			
Ladybird			
Woodlouse			
Spider			
Millipede			
Centipede			
Worm			
Ant			
Beetle			
Fly			

Leg
Abdomen
Head
Thorax/body



Can you label the parts of this insect using the words in the box?





The East Gateway



This is the east gateway. This was the entrance to the original Castle that was built by Lord Conway the 17th century. The castle no longer exists as it was destroyed by the great fire of Lisburn in 1707.



There are two dates on either side of the gateway can you find the and write them below?



There is little evidence of what the original castle would have looked like. It was a big manor house, E-shaped and built with brick and timber. Can you draw how you think it may have looked in the box below?



Wallace Memorial

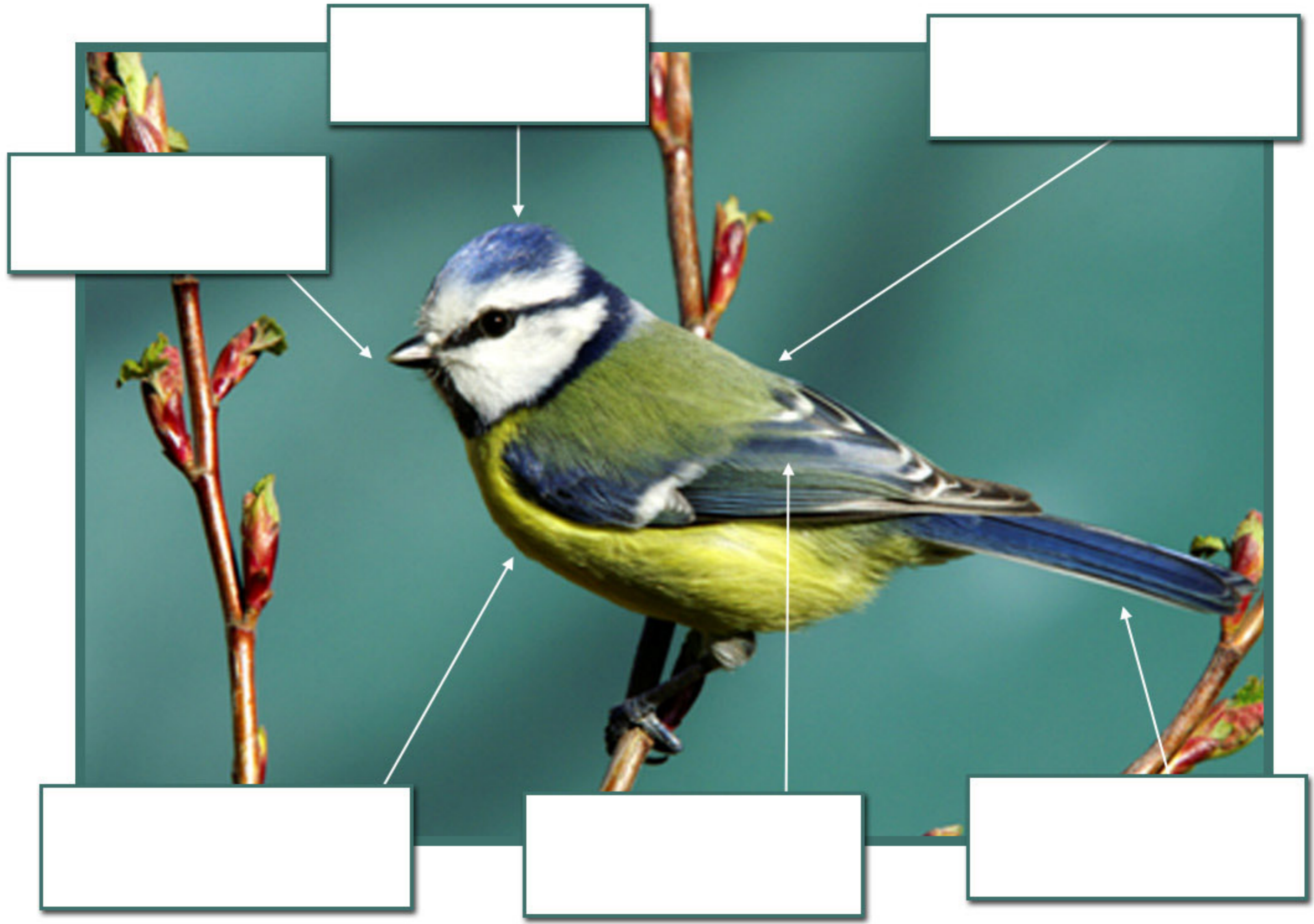


Wallace Memorial is right in the centre of the gardens. It is dedicated to Sir Richard Wallace who became the landlord of Lisburn in 1870. Sir Wallace did many things for Lisburn such as improving the towns water supply. After he died his son gave the Castle Gardens to the people of Lisburn.

This is a good place to start looking for the birds that live in the gardens. Take a few minute to look around, see how many of our feathery friends you can spot? Tick off the ones you find on your spotter sheet.



Can you label the parts of this bird?



Garden and woodland birds



Blackbird



Blue tit



Chaffinch



Great tit



Song thrush



Jackdaw



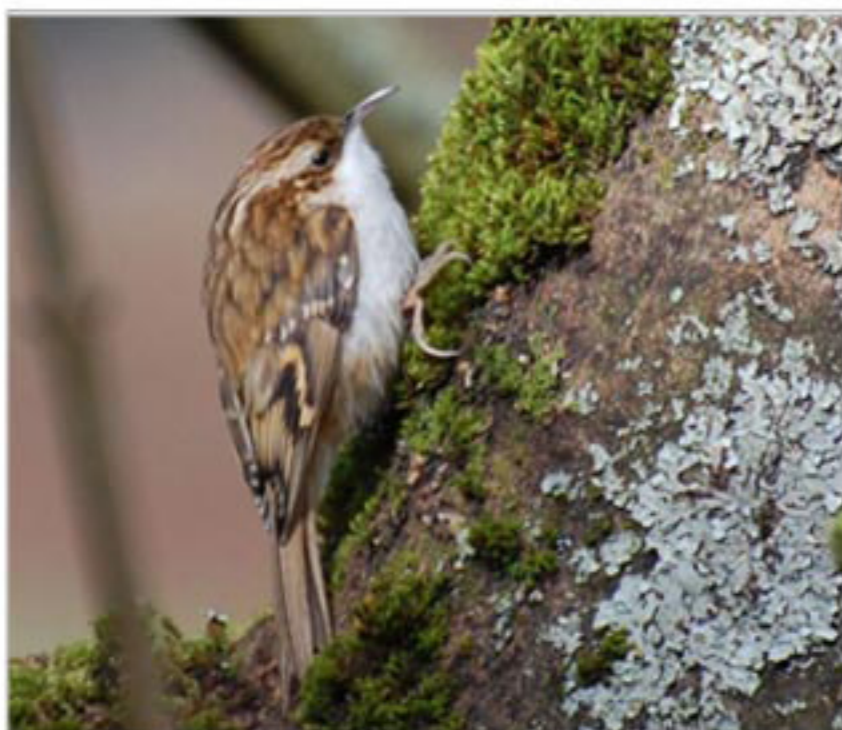
Jay



Long tailed tit



Robin



Tree creeper



Pied wagtail



Wren





The Terraces



The terrace garden is located right at the edge of the Lagan Valley Regional Park. These were the original gardens associated with the Castle. They would have been used for recreation by visitors to the castle. You will find fruit trees and shrubs here that would have been a feature of the original gardens.



Can you find a quiet spot in the gardens and listen to the sounds all around you? Note down which sounds are natural and which are unnatural.

Natural	Unnatural



The Crimean Cannon



This cannon was captured during a battle in Russia in the Crimean War. It was presented to the people of Lisburn in the 19th century



Can you find out where the Cannon was captured?

Can you find out who donated the cannon to the city of Lisburn?

Can you find out when the cannon was donated to the city of Lisburn?

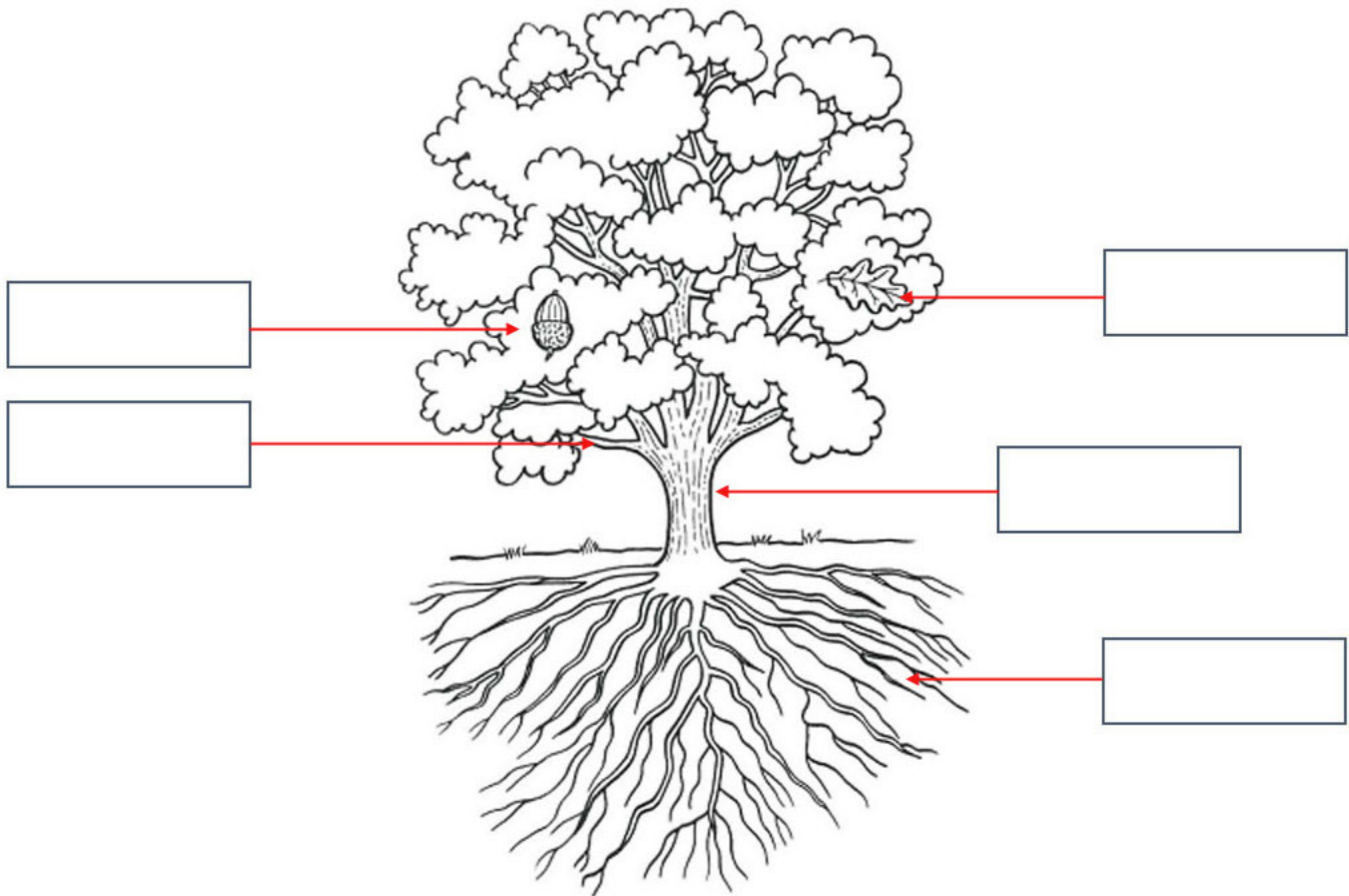


Lord Robert's Oak Tree

Oak trees are a great habitat for lots of different animals, birds and minibeasts. Can you find Lord Robert's Oak?



Can you correctly label the parts of this tree?



Can you name 3 things that might live at the **top** of the oak tree?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Can you name 3 things that might live **under** or at the bottom of the tree?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



The Fountains

Sir Richard Wallace donated a beautiful water features to the city of Lisburn.

Egret Fountain



An egret is a type of bird similar to a Heron. Can you draw a sketch of one of the birds in the box below?



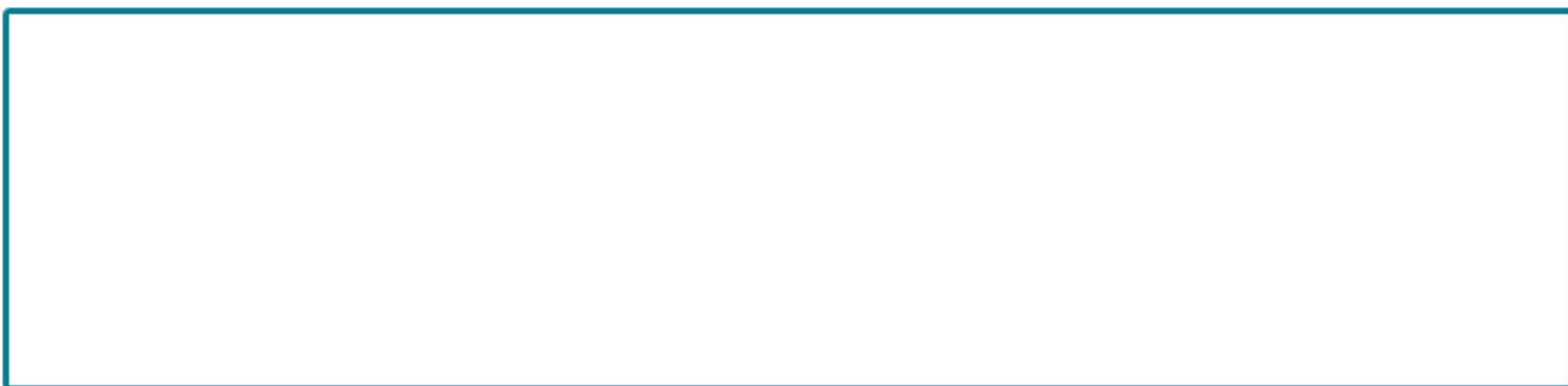
Wallace Fountain



A **caryatid** is a sculpted female figure forming a pillar.

The four caryatids represent **kindness**, **simplicity**, **charity** and **sobriety**.

Look carefully. Can you spot the difference between each of the sisters?





Lisburn War Heroes



This state mentions two world wars.
Can you find the date for each war?

WW1 _____ to _____
WW2 _____ to _____



Give a name for each of these ranks of soldiers who died during the War.

Captain

Seaman

Driver

Second Lieutenant

Signaller.....



There are 2 other wars listed on the memorial. Can you find them?

1. 1950 - 1953

How many Lisburn men died in this war?
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2. 1982

How many Lisburn men died in this war?
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How many "Brown's" were killed ? List them.

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Leaves



Alder



Ash



Beech



Birch



Elder




Hawthorne



Holly



Horse Chestnut




Ivy



Lime



Maple



Oak



Hazel



Rowan



Larch



Sycamore



Twigs and buds

