

The Beauty of Trees

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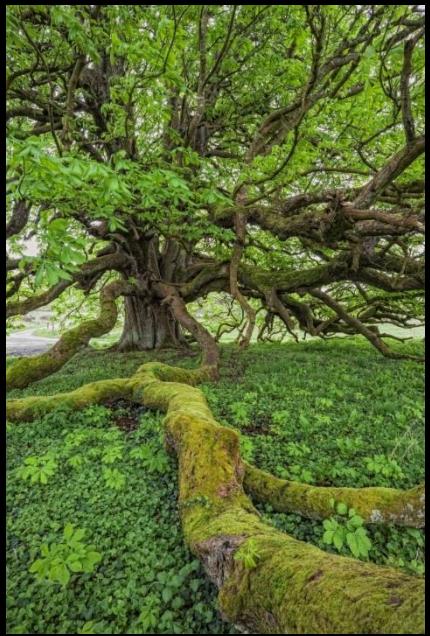


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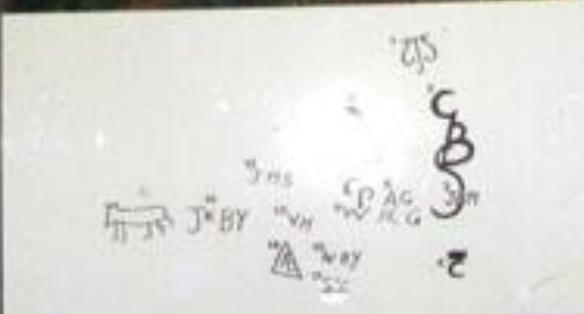
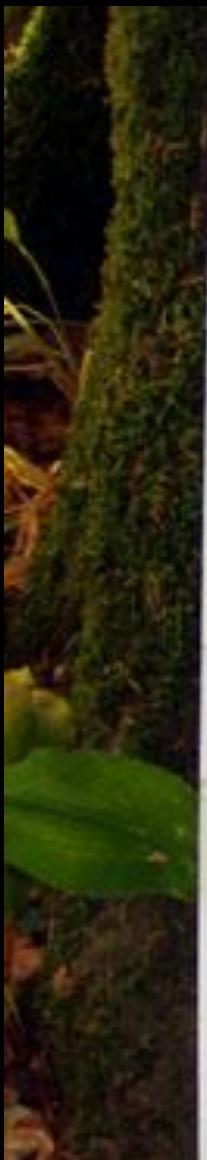




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The Autograph Tree (Copper Beech) with a guide to some of the carved initials

- 1 Theodore Spicer Simpson
- 2 George Bernard Shaw
- 3 John Mansfield
- 4 Countess of Cromartie
- 5 Augustus John
- 6 Elinor Monsell
- 7 An Craoibhin Aioibhinn
(Douglas Hyde)
- 8 Lady Augusta Gregory
- 9 William Robert Gregory
- 10 William Butler Yeats
- 11 Sean O'Casey
- 12 John Millington Synge
- 13 Violet Martin "Ross"
- 14 George W. Russell (A. E.)
- 15 Jack B. Yeats

Other signatures on the tree
Include George Moore,
Sara Allwood, Lennox
Robinson, Lady Margaret
Sackville, Frank Fay and
William Fay, J. D. Innes,
Robert Ross, Ian Hamilton,
John Quinn (New York Lawyer)
and Dame Ethel Smythe



Woodstock Gardens, Inistioge. Co. Kilkenny





Corkagh Park, Clondalkin. Dublin

Our Native Trees

Airig fedo - 'Nobles of the Wood'

oak - dair - *Quercus robur* (*pedunculate oak*) and *Quercus petraea* (*sessile oak*)
hazel - coll - *Corylus avellana*
holly' - cuileann - *Ilex aquifolium*
yew - iúr - *Taxus baccata*
ash - fuinseóg - *Fraxinus excelsior*
Scots pine - ochtach - *Pinus sylvestris*
wild apple - aball - *Malus sylvestris*

Fodla fedo 'lower divisions of the wood'

blackthorn - draighean - *Prunus spinosa*
elder - tromán - *Sambucus nigra*
spindle tree - feoras - *Euonymus europaeus*
whitebeam - fionncholl - *Sorbus aria*
strawberry tree - caithne - *Arbutus unedo*
aspen - crann creathach - *Populus tremula*
juniper - aiteal - *Juniperus communis*

Aithig fhedo - 'commoners of the wood'

alder - fern - *Alnus glutinosa*
willow, sally - saileach - *Salix caprea*, *Salix cinerea*
whitethorn, hawthorn - scé - *Crataegus monogyna*
rowan, mountain ash - caorthann - *Sorbus aucuparia*
birch - beith - *Betula pubescens* (*downy birch*) and *Betula pendula* (*silver birch*)
wych elm - leamhán - *Ulmus glabra*
wild cherry - idath - *Prunus avium*

Losa fedo 'bushes of the wood'

bracken - raith - *Pteridium aquilinum*
bog-myrtle - rait - *Myrica gale*
furze, gorse, whin - aiteann - *Ulex europaeus*, *Ulex gallii*
bramble - dris - *Rubus fruticosus*
heather - fraoch - *Calluna vulgaris*, *Erica cinerea*
broom - giolcach - *Cytisus scoparius*
wild rose - spín - *Rosa canina*



The Tree Alphabet

Beith	B	Birch
Luis	L	Rowan
Fearn	E	Alder
Saille	S	Willow
Duin	C	Ash
Huathe	T	Hawthorn
Duir	R	Oak
Zinne	D	Holly
Coll	U	Hazel
Quert	O	Apple
Muin	B	Vine
Gort	S	Ivy
Dgetal	C	Reed
Straif	G	Blackthorn
Ruis	R	Older
Ailim	A	Pine
Ohn	D	Gorse
Ur	U	Heather
Cadha	O	Poplar
Ioho	E	Yew

Trees and Places

Many place names in Ireland come from the names of trees or words denoting trees or woodlands. Trees were important to the ancient Celts in their culture and ceremonies. They were used for shelter, for firewood, for building materials, for weapons and as homes for wildlife. We can recognise words such as crann (tree), col (wood) and dún (fort) in many place names. Individual trees that stood out in the landscape as being remarkable, perhaps for their size or shape, or the place in which they grew, were of particular importance and were known as bile. This word still exists in Irish place names such as Ballybile, Co. Cork and Moyle, Co. Donegal.

There are six counties in Ireland associated with trees: Kerry, Antrim, Monaghan, Mayo, Kildare and Roscommon. These are featured on the map along with 124 place names throughout Ireland - on average of four per county - so there is at least one place name tree for every school year. This map will help students locate place names associated with trees. The places listed on this map represent only a fraction of those named after trees or woods. See if you can find some more close to your school. Remember, there are over 1,600 townlands in Ireland which contain the word derry or canny, meaning woodland.



Tír an Lúir





White's Orchard, Dungarvan. Co. Waterford

Our Trees are under **THREAT**



Ash Dieback



Bleeding Canker of Horse Chestnut



Oak Processionary Moth



Castletown, Co. Laois



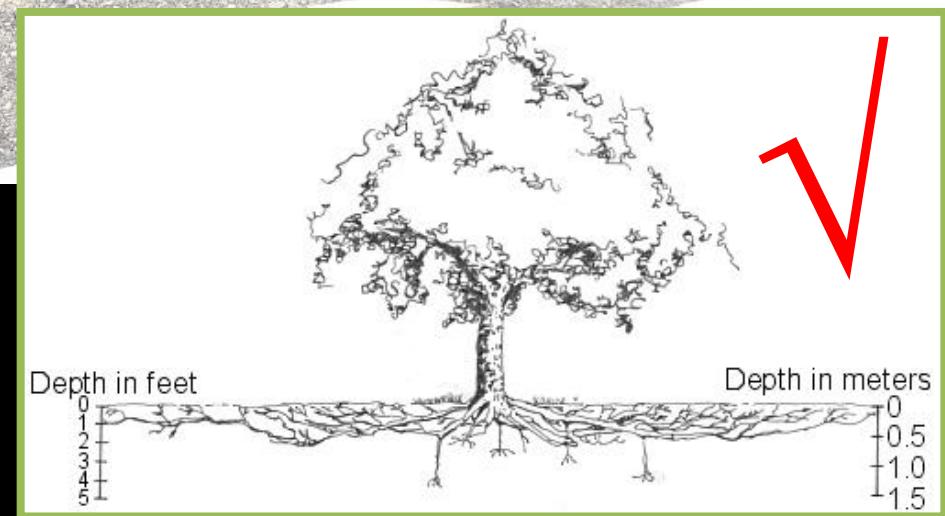
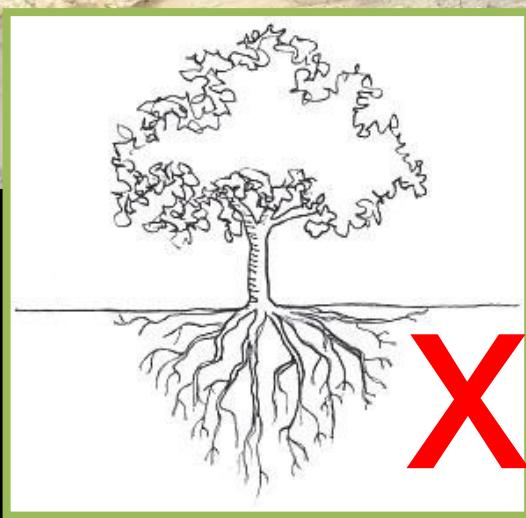
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Lime Avenue - The Marina, Cork





The Dark Hedges, Co. Antrim



THE TROUBLE WITH TREES



Trip Hazards

Damaging built environment

Dropping leaves, fruit,

Blocking pipes & drains

Obstructing satellite dishes & solar panels

Blocking light

Bird Droppings, Honeydew

Too Big

Blocking Views

Damaging services

Causing allergies

Blocking Street Lights

Roots /branches encroaching

Driveway widening

Trees Are Good For Us







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Laois Tourism









Salix gracilistyla 'Melanostachys'



Salix gracilistyla 'Mount Aso'













Fagus sylvatica 'Rohan's Obelisk'



Davidia involucrata



Liriodendron tulipifera



Columnar

Oval

Vase

Weeping

Pyramidal

Round





Prunus 'Shirotae'





Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'



Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'



Neilstown Road, Dublin



Ulmus 'Dodoens'



Sorbus 'Joseph Rock'



Sorbus cashmiriana





Amelanchier lamarckii



Salix alba 'Tristis'



Fagus sylvatica 'Pendula'



Acer globosum



Acer pseudoplatanus 'Spaethii'



Sequoiadendron giganteum





Pinus nigra



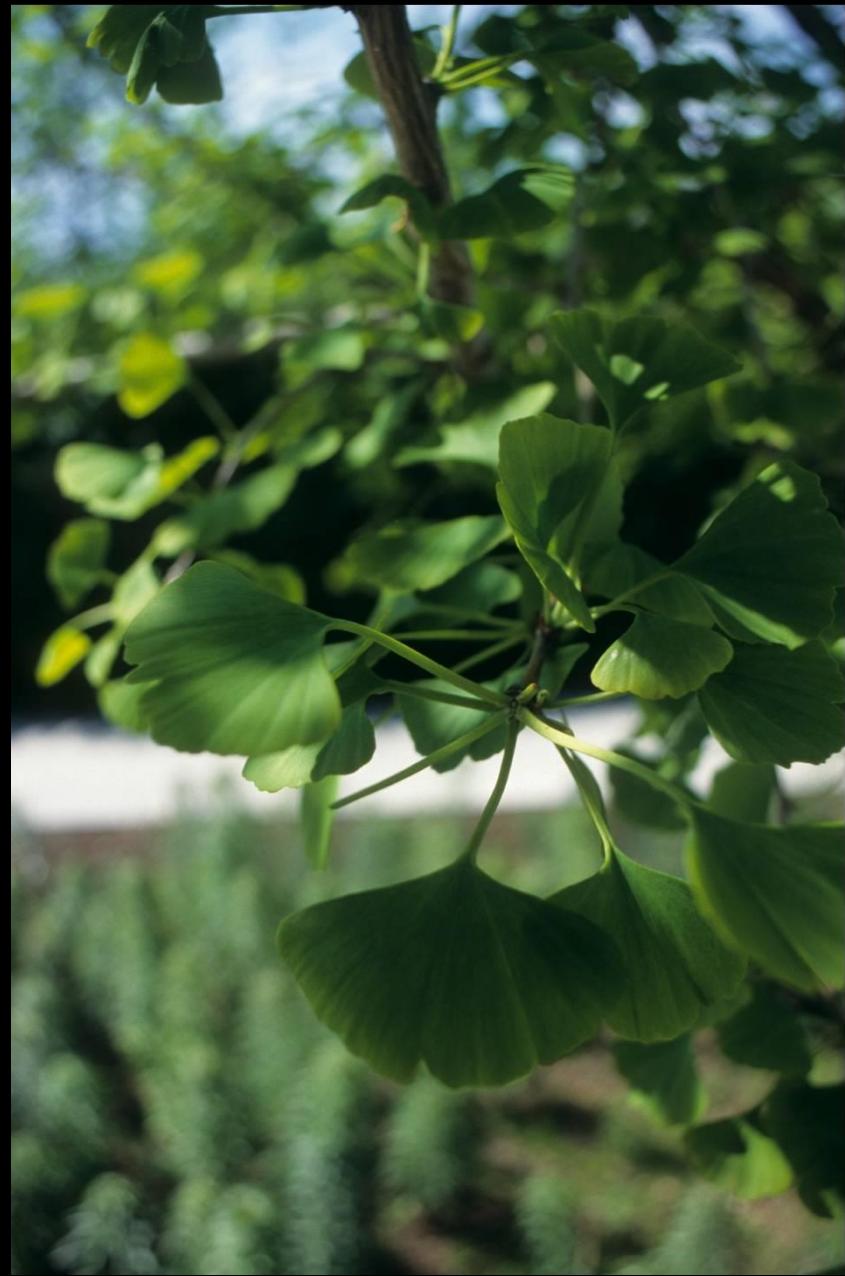
Aesculus hippocastanum



Aesculus x carnea 'Briotii'



Castanea sativa



Ginkgo biloba



Zelkova serrata



Pterocarya fraxinifolia



Prunus yedoensis









Baggot Street, Dublin



Main Street,
Bunclody, Co.
Wexford









Acer palmatum 'Atropurpureum'



Acer pseudoplatanus 'Brilliantissimum'



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Crataegus laevigata
'Paul's Scarlet'



Crataegus orientalis



Malus aldenhamensis



Malus 'Royalty'



Malus 'Crittenden'



Malus 'Golden Hornet'





Magnolia soulangeana



Sophora tetraptera



Prunus padus 'Watererii'



Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra'



Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula'



Acer pensylvanicum



Acer davidii 'Serpentine'



Acer griseum



Betula utilis var. *jacquemontii*



Betula albosinensis 'Fascination'



Parrotia persica



Parrotia persica 'Vanessa'



Parrotia persica



*Cercidiphyllum
japonicum*



“Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”

Greek Proverb



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The best time to
plant a tree
was 20 years ago.

The second-best time
is now

A photograph of a large, multi-trunked tree with dark, textured bark and vibrant green leaves. Two garden tools, a long-handled rake and a smaller hand tool like a trowel or cultivator, are propped up against the base of the tree. The scene is set in a lush, green garden with a grassy lawn and other foliage in the background.

National Tree Week
March 21-27

*Thank
you!*

