

# STUDENT WorkSheet 5

## TREE IDENTIFICATION

Suitable for  
AGE 10+

AN CHOILL  
BHEAG

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How many native Irish Trees can you list?

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### Leave No Trace In An Choill Bheag

- 🍃 If possible, draw the leaves/buds without taking any leaves/branches from the tree – you may find them on the ground beneath the tree
- 🍃 If you are taking the leaves from the trees, do it gently – they are sensitive just like us! Hold the main twig with one hand and gently take off the leaf you want to use. Press it afterwards or return it to under the tree
- 🍃 Press the leaves and label them with their names and date of collection. This will help with project work and for future identification
- 🍃 Create a nature table space in the class, with leaves, cones, seeds, drawings, etc. Return the materials to An Choill Bheag when you are finished with them
- 🍃 Take regular photos of the trees and use this app to record them to the GLOBE Tree Phenology:  
<https://www.globe.gov/web/phenology-and-climate>

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### Draw the leaves or buds you find:

(You can use the leaves to trace their outlines, or do a freestyle drawing. It does not have to be perfect!  
Write in anything you notice as that will help you to remember the tree.)


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### Tree species planted in An Choill Bheag

We plant 14 species of trees in An Choill Bheag. There are a number of layers in this small native woodland. The lower layers can be allowed to come naturally and gradually, but this can be a slower process. We will plant a variety of shade-loving plants over the next 2 – 5 years.

### Layers in the Woodland

**Canopy – Shrub/Understory – Climbing – Herb – Ground Covering – Underground**

These images come from a variety of sources, including The Tree Council, Ray Foley and Kerry Earth Education Project

Oak

*Dair*

Canopy Layer

King of our  
Forest

Oak



Birch

*Beith*

Canopy Layer

Lady of our  
Forest

Birch



Hawthorn

*Sceach Gheal*

Shrub/  
Understory  
Layer

The Fairy tree,  
May tree,  
Quickthorn,  
WhiteThorn

Hawthorn



Blackthorn

*Draighean*

Shrub/  
Understory  
Layer

Flowers before  
it leaves. Wild  
plum!

Blackthorn









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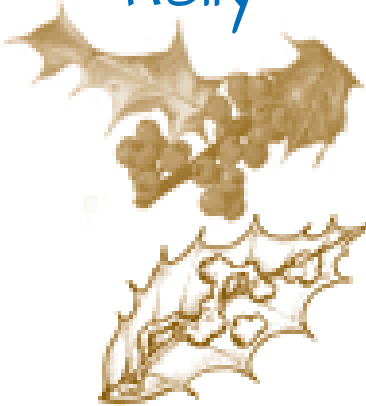
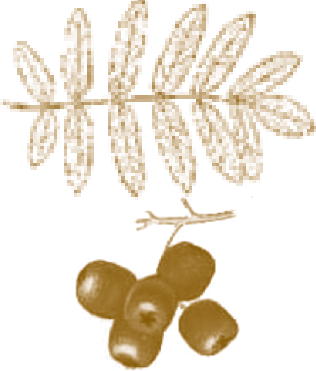


<p><b>Elder</b></p> <p><i>Trom dubh</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>The poor man's flu and cold remedy</p>	<p><b>Elder</b></p> 	<p><b>Spindle</b></p> <p><i>Feoras</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>Used to make the spindle in the loom</p>	<p><b>Spindle</b></p> 
<p><b>Guelder Rose</b></p> <p><i>Caorchon</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>Not a rose at all! Gives berries, not hips</p>	<p><b>Guelder Rose</b></p> 	<p><b>Alder</b></p> <p><i>Fearnóg</i></p> <p>Canopy Layer</p> <p>Like it's roots to be in the water!</p>	<p><b>Alder</b></p> 
<p><b>Hazel</b></p> <p><i>Coll</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>Salmon of Knowledge</p>	<p><b>Hazel</b></p> 	<p><b>Crab Apple</b></p> <p><i>Crann Fia-Úll</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>I taste sour! Add to jams and jellies to help them set.</p>	<p><b>Crab Apple</b></p> 

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<p><b>Wild Cherry</b></p> <p><i>Crann Silín</i> <i>Fiáin</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>Tasty cherries that birds love to eat!</p>	<p><b>Wild Cherry</b></p> 	<p><b>Holly</b></p> <p><i>Cuilleann</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>Birds and animals love to feed on the red berries.</p>	<p><b>Holly</b></p> 
<p><b>Rowan</b></p> <p><i>Caorthann</i></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>Also called the Mountain Ash.</p>	<p><b>Rowan</b></p> 	<p><b>Wayfaring tree</b></p> <p>Shrub/ Understory Layer</p> <p>Birds love to feed on the berries.</p>	<p><b>Wayfaring tree</b></p> 
<p><b>Willow</b></p> <p><i>Saileach</i></p> <p>Canopy Layer</p> <p>Flexible and bendy, can make baskets and fences.</p>	<p><b>Willow</b></p> 	<p><b>Yew</b></p> <p><i>lúir</i></p> <p>Canopy Layer</p> <p>Often found in graveyards</p>	<p><b>Yew</b></p> 