



St Ethelburga's

Centre for Reconciliation and Peace

LIFELINES

A landscape photograph showing a sunset over a field. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange glow. Several trees are silhouetted against the bright sky. The foreground is a grassy field.

TREESOURCE

BUDS & TWIGS



HAWTHORN

Buds red and small, found at the base of the thorns but not on them



HAZEL

Green and red buds, pump and oval shaped.



BLACKTHORN

Buds red and small, found on thorns and twigs



FIELD MAPLE

Buds have white hairy edges and are red/brown in colour.



CRAB APPLE

The edges of the bud scales have a short row of hairs



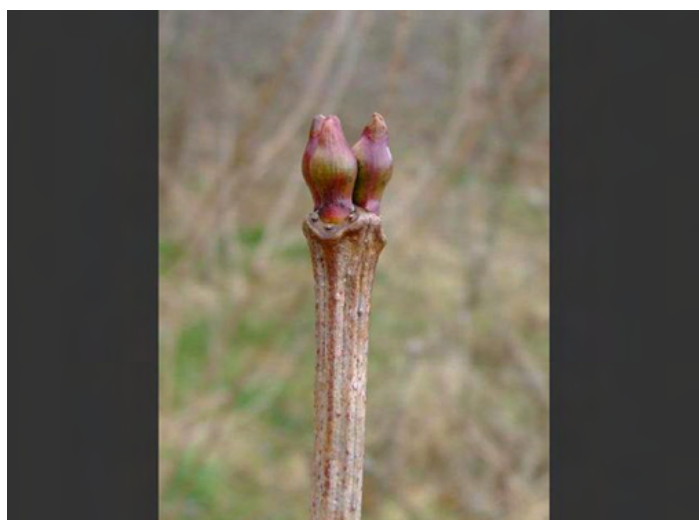
DOG ROSE

The stems are green, they are dotted with red curved thorns



GUELDER ROSE

The buds are hairless with a pair of scales, twigs are hairless too



DOGWOOD

Newer twigs are bright red in winter



SPINDLE



OAK

Rounded buds in clusters



ROWAN

Buds are purpley-brown and hairy all over



BIRCH



WILD CHERRY

Buds are oval shaped and in clusters



HOMEBEAM

The buds are green and brown and stay close to the twigs.



ALDER

Buds are flattened and purple in colour



ASPEN

Buds are pressed closely to the twig





GOAT WILLOW

The shoots and buds are slightly hairy. The buds are small, reddish and pressed flat.

WHITE WILLOW

The twigs and buds are covered in fine white hairs.



SWEET CHESTNUT

Small buds, red-brown in colour

TREE PROFILES



HAWTHORN

Often found in hedges, Haw is the old English word for hedge.



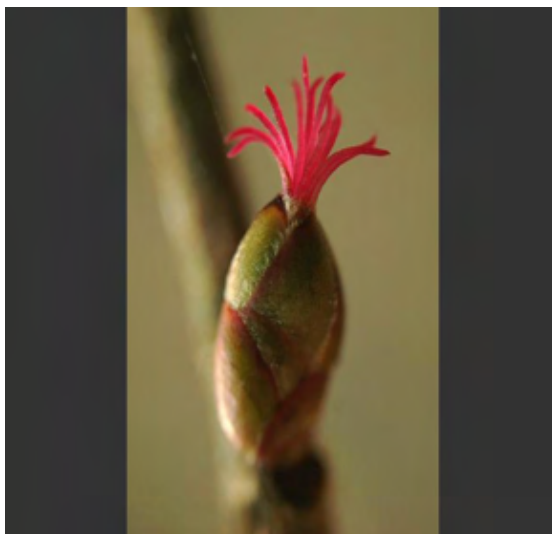
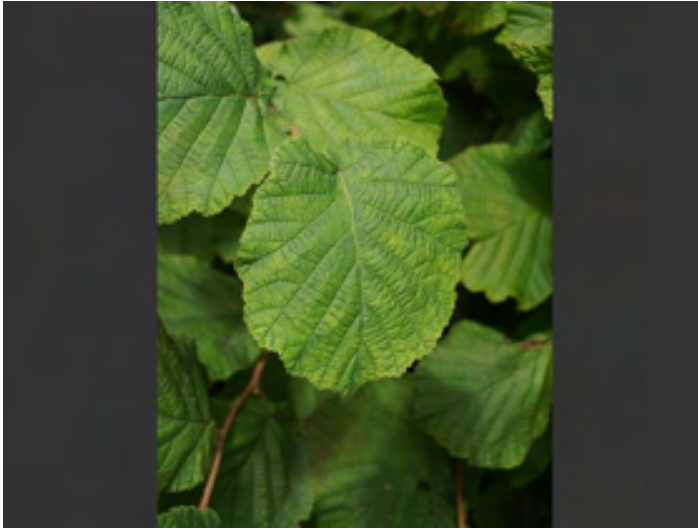
BLACKTHORN

In Celtic folklore, heroes would throw a twig of blackthorn behind them as they escaped and a hedge would spring up, stopping whoever was chasing them.



HAZEL

Hazel, Apple and Hawthorn are said to appear in places where the borders between the worlds are thin.



CRAB APPLE

The Celts saw the Crab Apple as the tree of love and the gift of an apple was seen as a gift of one's love.



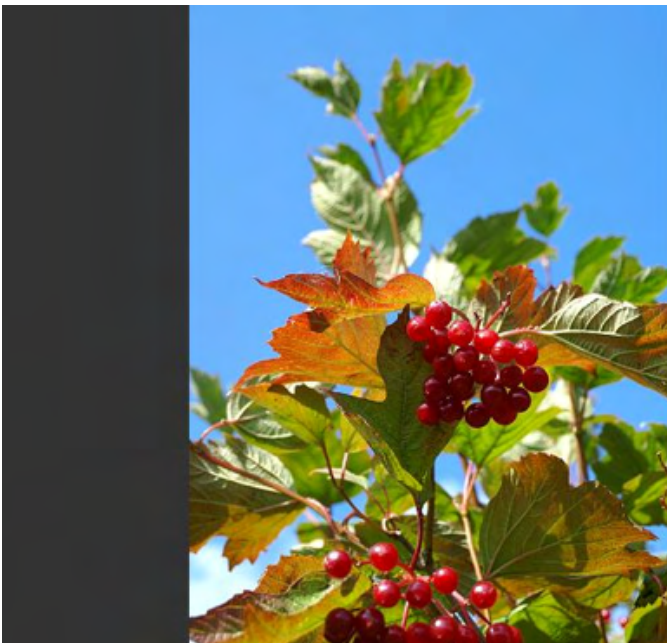
DOG ROSE

The name 'Dog Rose' is said to have come about because of a belief that if bitten by a rabid dog you should eat their roots.



GUELDER ROSE

Guelder Rose's common names include cramp bark/bush due to a belief that the bark relieves muscle and menstrual cramps.



DOGWOOD

In some Christian lore Christ's crucifix is said to have been made from Dogwood.



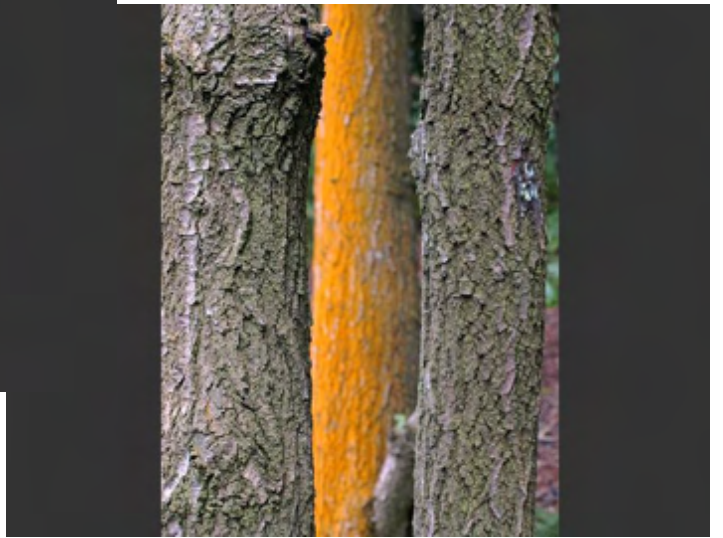
SPINDLE

Spindle's latin name comes from Eurynome, mother of the Furies in Ancient Greek myths.



OAK

Oaks are a symbol of strength and protection.



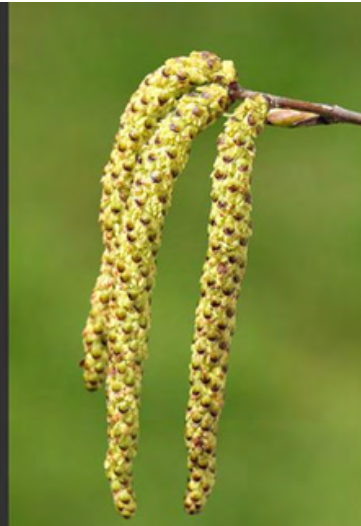
ROWAN

Rowans were said to protect from enchantment so people would carry twigs with them, build cradles from the wood and plant the tree by the entrance to the house.



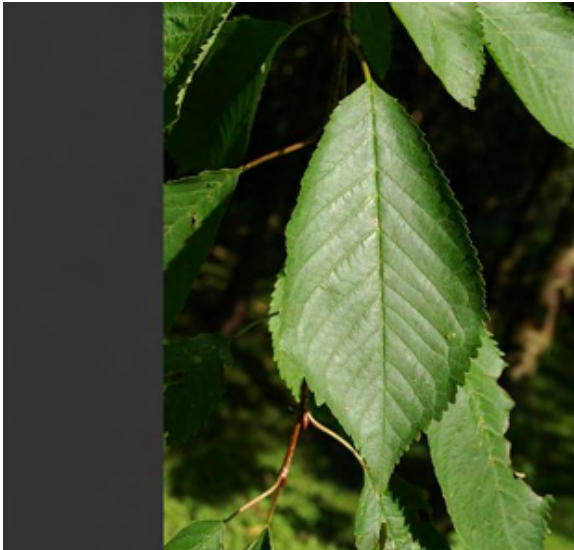
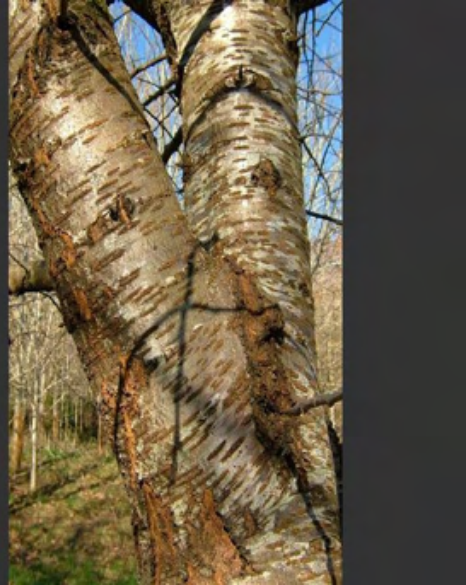
BIRCH

Birch is a symbol of beginnings, used in the Pagan year at both Samhain (new year) and Beltane (beginning of Spring). At Samhain, Birch bundles were used to drive away old spirits.



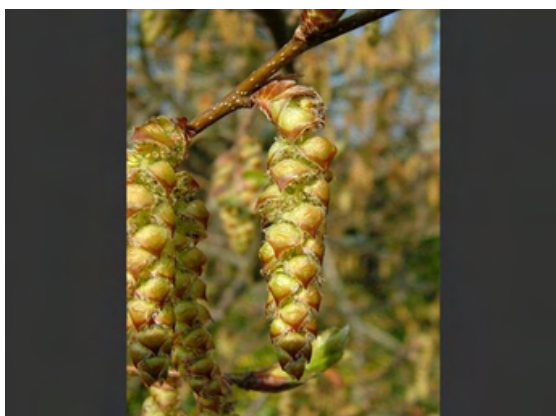
WILD CHERRY

In the Highlands it was considered auspicious to see a Cherry tree, especially when in blossom.



HORNBEAM

Hornbeam was considered to be the ladder between realms and was often seen as representing beings from other realms.



ALDER

Alders are believed to be the trees that fairies use to travel between different realms.



ASPEN

Aspens are associated with rebirth and overcoming death. In myths, a hero would often wear a crown of Aspen to protect them on their journey to the Underworld.



GOAT WILLOW

Willows in early Biblical times were related to joy and celebration!



WHITE WILLOW

By the 1600s Willows were particularly linked to the grief of the lovers.



SWEET CHESTNUT

Sweet Chestnuts originate in present-day Greece where they are dedicated to Zeus.

