



Woodlands

A woodland is a large area of land covered in trees. There are many types of woodland in the United Kingdom.



As well as trees, woodlands are habitats for a wide range of animals and plants. The woodland habitat provides everything the animal and plants need to survive, including water, air, food and shelter. Woodlands are also important to people as they provide clean air, building materials and a place to spend leisure time.

Trees

Trees can be identified from their bark, leaves, flowers, fruit and



oak bark
seeds.



silver birch bark



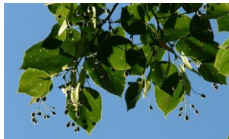
yew berries



elderberries



sycamore seeds



lime seeds

Types of trees

Trees that lose their leaves in the autumn are called deciduous trees. Deciduous trees normally have wide, flat leaves. Examples include oak, beech and rowan.



Trees that keep their leaves all year round are called evergreen trees. Evergreen trees normally have thin, needle-like leaves. Examples include holly and pine.

Woodland plants

There are many types of flowering plant that grow in woodlands. Some grow from bulbs, such as...



snowdrops



bluebells

Others grow from seeds, such as...

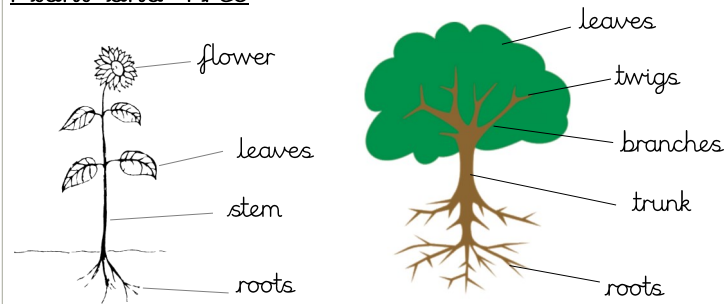


foxgloves



wood anemones

Plant and Tree



Woodland animals

Lots of different animals live in woodlands. These include mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates.

Mammals	Red fox 	Grey squirrel 
Birds	Blackbird 	Tawny owl 
Amphibians	Toad 	Newt 
Reptiles	Grass snake 	Slow worm 
Invertebrates	Beetle 	Snail 

Glossary

habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal or plant.
amphibian	Cold-blooded animals that live on land and in water but must lay their eggs in water.
bark	The hard covering of a tree.
bird	Warm-blooded animals that have wings and can normally fly.
mammal	Warm-blooded animals that feed their milk to their young.
invertebrate	Animals such as insects, without a backbone or bony skeleton. Vertebrates have backbone or bony skeleton.
leaf	The flat, green part of a plant that joins to a stem or branch at one end. Leaves make food for the plant.
reptile	Cold-blooded animals that usually have scales and lay eggs on land.
predator	Animals that hunt, kill and eat other animals.
prey	Animals that are hunted, killed and eaten by other animals.
carnivore	An animal that eats meat.
omnivore	An animal that eats both meat and plants.
herbivore	An animal that eats plants.