



Native Trees

Native trees are defined as trees that colonised the UK after the last ice age and before the UK was isolated from mainland Europe.

Native trees are an excellent choice for wildlife and are tolerant of a wide range of soils and conditions as well as pollution.

The advantages of selecting native tree species are numerous including lower maintenance requirements, adapting more easily to local climate, stronger root development that can help stop soil erosion and most importantly they are attractive to wildlife for food, shelter, nesting materials and will support birds, small mammals and other wildlife.

Some native tree species are slow growing as they reach huge proportions once mature.

Listed below are popular native tree species commonly used in wildlife gardens and parks.

LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	EVENTUAL HEIGHT
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field Maple	8m
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	25m
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver Birch	25m
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy Birch	20m
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	15-20m
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	5m
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	Midland Hawthorn	6m
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	10m
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	15m
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> •	Ash	30m
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	25m
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper	8m
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab Apple	10m
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> •	Scots Pine	30m
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Poplar	35m
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Aspen	20m
<i>Prunus avium</i> •	Wild Cherry	20m

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<i>Prunus padus</i> •	Bird Cherry	15m
<i>Pyrus communis</i>	Wild Pear	15m
<i>Quercus robur</i> •	English Oak	35m
<i>Salix alba</i>	White Willow	25m
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow	10m
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack Willow	25m
<i>Salix viminalis</i>	Osier	6m
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	25m
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan, Mountain Ash	12m
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	Wild Service Tree	25m
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	15m
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small-leaved Lime	25m
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	Large-leaved Lime	30m
<i>Ulmus glabra</i> •	Wych Elm	35m

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