

# Tree Challenge

## My street tree

wildlife  
watch



Have you ever stopped to have a good look at your nearest garden or street trees? What sort are they? How old? Are they important for wildlife? Do birds roost or nest in them?

### You will need:

- Sheet of blank paper and clipboard
- Extra paper and crayons
- Magnifying glass or bug pot
- Minibeast ID chart or book
- Tape measure (optional)
- Leaf spotting sheet or other tree ID chart



1 Draw your tree in the middle of your paper. Use a leaf spotting sheet to help identify it.

2 Stick a fallen leaf on the paper, or do a rubbing using paper and crayons.

3 Use a magnifying glass, pot or pooter to check out the minibeasts living on your tree.

4 How thick is its trunk? Can you measure it at chest height with a tape measure? Can you hug it?

5 Does your tree have plenty of healthy leaves and soil around its trunk?

6 What other wildlife is living in the tree? Put all your findings on your tree drawing.

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MY TREE: Oak  
LOCATION: outside my house  
HEIGHT: half the height of house

Magpie (watching the nest!)

Squirrel

Thrush? on nest

Soil around the tree

I can reach around it

Plenty of healthy leaves

leaf rubbing

bark rubbing

MINIBEASTS:

- 1 green caterpillar
- 2 woodlice
- 2 harvestmen
- lots of aphids
- 2 spiders

VERDICT: I think my tree is healthy

