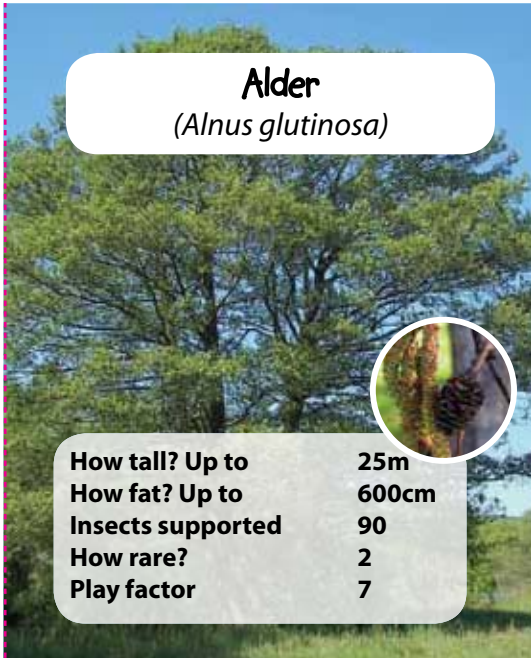


Tree trump cards

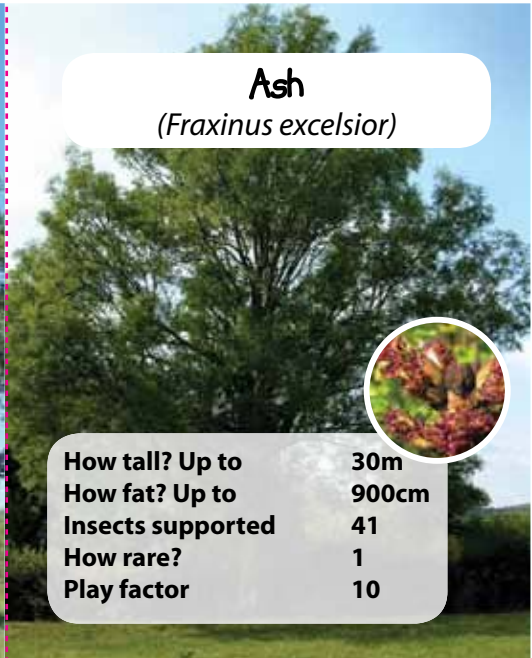
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Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)

How tall? Up to	25m
How fat? Up to	600cm
Insects supported	90
How rare?	2
Play factor	7

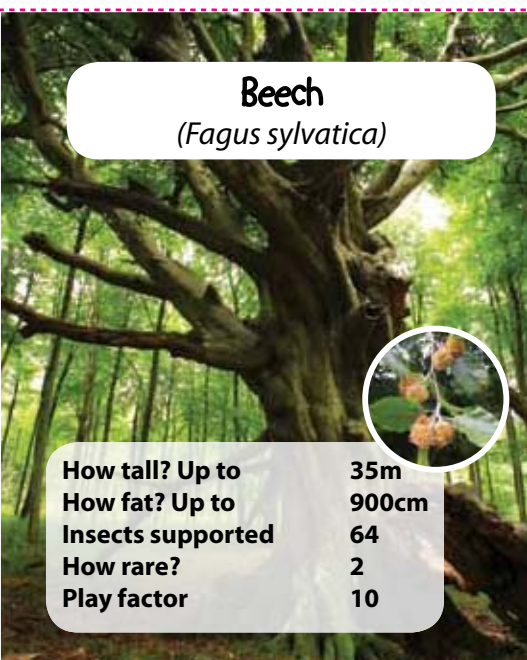
Hollow out young branches to make whistles.



Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*)

How tall? Up to	30m
How fat? Up to	900cm
Insects supported	41
How rare?	1
Play factor	10

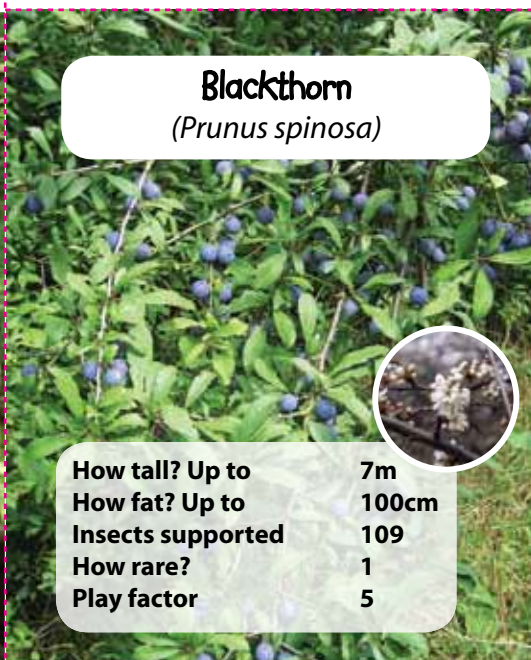
Ash trees are great for climbing! Pick a big, healthy tree with lots of strong branches.



Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)

How tall? Up to	35m
How fat? Up to	900cm
Insects supported	64
How rare?	2
Play factor	10

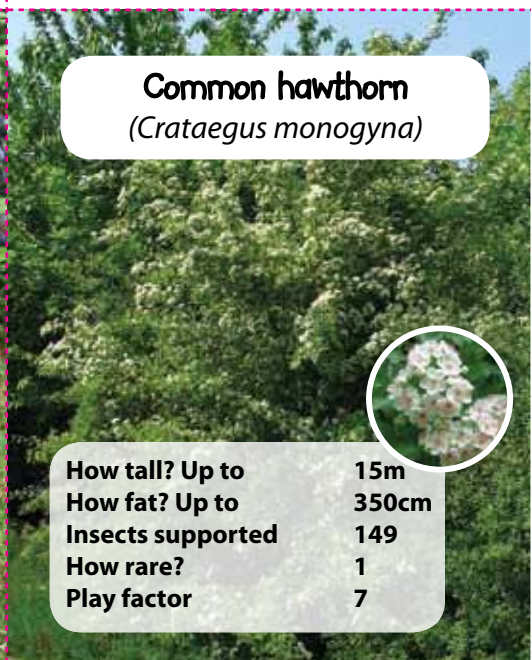
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Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)

How tall? Up to	7m
How fat? Up to	100cm
Insects supported	109
How rare?	1
Play factor	5

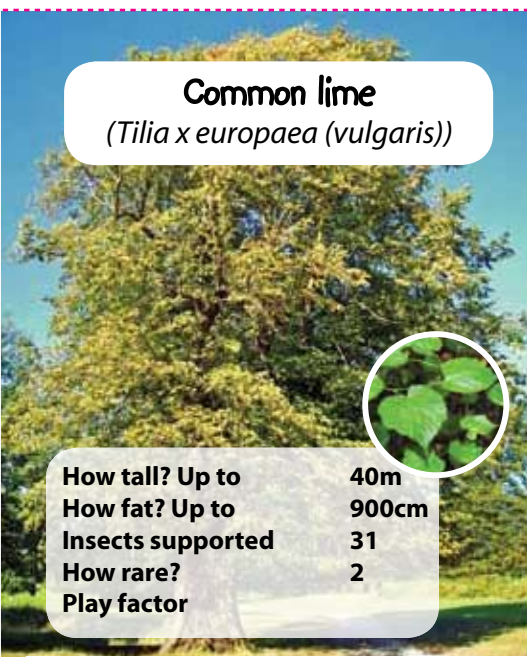
Collect blossom in spring and squash it in a flower press to make confetti.



Common hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)

How tall? Up to	15m
How fat? Up to	350cm
Insects supported	149
How rare?	1
Play factor	7

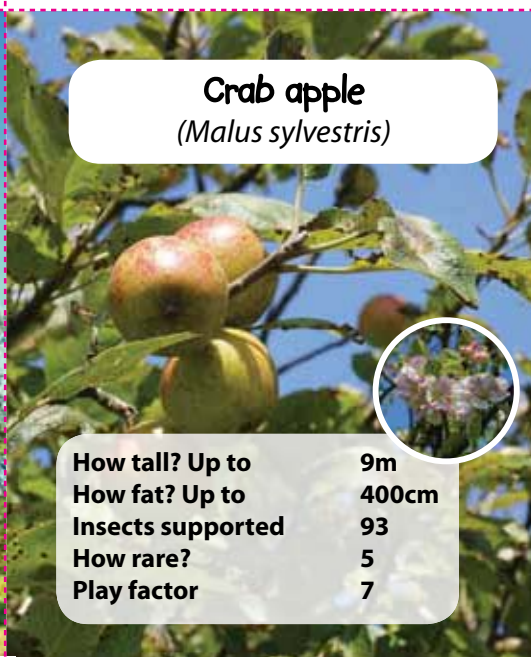
Mash up berries in autumn to make your own paint.



Common lime (*Tilia x europaea (vulgaris)*)

How tall? Up to	40m
How fat? Up to	900cm
Insects supported	31
How rare?	2
Play factor	

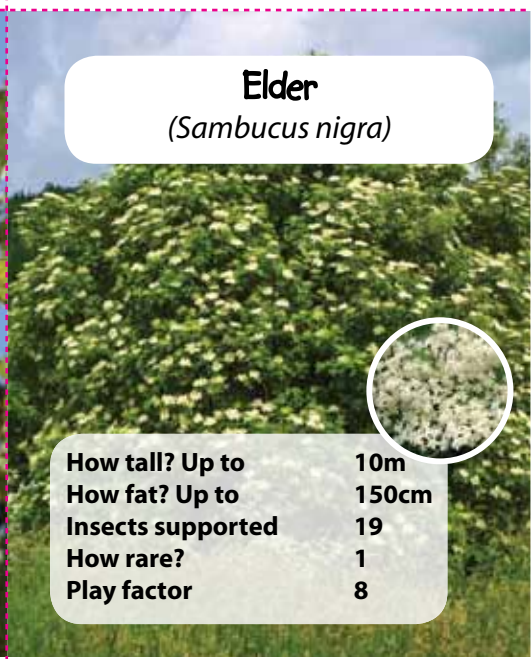
The lime's heart-shaped leaves make brilliant stampers.



Crab apple (*Malus sylvestris*)

How tall? Up to	9m
How fat? Up to	400cm
Insects supported	93
How rare?	5
Play factor	7

Make spiky 'hedgehog' bird feeders by sticking sunflower seeds into crab apple halves.



Elder (*Sambucus nigra*)

How tall? Up to	10m
How fat? Up to	150cm
Insects supported	19
How rare?	1
Play factor	8

Hollow out elder stems to make pea shooters.