Sit in the shade of an elm tree on a summer’s day and read a story.

How tall? Up to 30m
How fat? Up to 550cm
Insects supported 82
How rare? 10
Play factor 4

Many European larches in the UK are now diseased. Playing with their cones and branches can spread infection.

How tall? Up to 30m
How fat? Up to 600cm
Insects supported 17
How rare? 4
Play factor 0

Collect the field maple’s winged seeds in autumn and twirl them through the air like helicopters.

How tall? Up to 75cm
How fat? Up to 550cm
Insects supported 28
How rare? 3
Play factor 7

Sit in the shade of a hornbeam tree on a summer’s day and read a story.

Hazel branches are very bendy, so they’re great for making bows and arrows!

How tall? Up to 15m
How fat? Up to 200cm
Insects supported 73
How rare? 1
Play factor 9

Use holly to make decorations at Christmas (watch out for the spiky leaves!).

How tall? Up to 15m
How fat? Up to 200cm
Insects supported 7
How rare? 1
Play factor 6

Sit in the shade of a hornbeam tree on a summer’s day and read a story.

How tall? Up to 20m
How fat? Up to 550cm
Insects supported 28
How rare? 5
Play factor 4

London plane tree trunks are very distinctive – look for patterns and pictures in the dappled bark.

How tall? Up to 35m
How fat? Up to 900cm
Insects supported 1
How rare? 6
Play factor 5

Hornbeam
(Carpinus betulus)

Juniper
(Juniperus communis)

London plane
(Platanus x hispanica)

Collect the seeds in autumn to play conkers!

A small branch of juniper needles can be used as a paintbrush (watch out, they can be very prickly).

How tall? Up to 20m
How fat? Up to 400cm
Insects supported 26
How rare? 3
Play factor 7

Collect the European larch’s winged seeds in autumn and twirl them through the air like helicopters.

How tall? Up to 14m
How fat? Up to 400cm
Insects supported 26
How rare? 3
Play factor 7

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How tall? Up to 14m
How fat? Up to 400cm
Insects supported 26
How rare? 3
Play factor 7

Sit in the shade of an elm tree on a summer’s day and read a story.

How tall? Up to 30m
How fat? Up to 550cm
Insects supported 82
How rare? 10
Play factor 4

Horse chestnut
(Aesculus hippocastanum)

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How tall? Up to 30m
How fat? Up to 600cm
Insects supported 17
How rare? 4
Play factor 0

Collect the field maple’s winged seeds in autumn and twirl them through the air like helicopters.

How tall? Up to 75cm
How fat? Up to 550cm
Insects supported 28
How rare? 3
Play factor 7

Sit in the shade of a hornbeam tree on a summer’s day and read a story.

Hazel
(Corylus avellana)

Use holly to make decorations at Christmas (watch out for the spiky leaves!).

How tall? Up to 15m
How fat? Up to 200cm
Insects supported 73
How rare? 1
Play factor 9

Sit in the shade of a hornbeam tree on a summer’s day and read a story.

How tall? Up to 20m
How fat? Up to 550cm
Insects supported 28
How rare? 5
Play factor 4

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