

Trees and shrubs with oval or rounded leaves that lose their leaves in winter

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## Beech

*Fagus sylvatica*

Tall trees with smooth, grey bark. Shiny, oval leaves with smooth edges and a pointed tip. Shade tolerant with leaves arranged with minimal overlap to capture light efficiently. You can find Beech woodland in south-east Wales.

## Hornbeam

*Carpinus betulus*

Tree with oval, pointed leaves with red stalks. Leaf edges with small teeth of different sizes. Fruits have papery wings that resemble long thin leaves when they are young (bottom image) They grow in clusters.

## Elm

*Ulmus species*

Look for the unequal bases on the oval leaves of these trees. Leaf edges have small teeth of different sizes. Small, rounded, winged fruits (bottom image). There are several species including varieties more resistant to Dutch elm disease.

## Hazel

*Corylus avellana*

Shrub with many stems coming from the ground (bottom image). Broad, oval to rounded, hairy leaves with slightly heart-shaped leaf base and narrow pointed tip. Leaf edges with smaller and larger teeth. Edible fruit.

## Alder

*Alnus glutinosa*

Tree with rounded leaves with blunt, sometimes notched tips and small teeth on the edges. Long hanging male catkins. Small female catkins become cone-like (bottom image) and remain on the tree all winter until the following year.