



BEECH (*Fagus Sylvatica*)

ALL ABOUT THE BEECH

- Beech leaves are oval with a sharp point. They are bright green in the spring and summer, then turn yellow in the autumn. Beech trees are deciduous so their leaves don't last all year - they fall off in the autumn and then grow again in spring.
- Beech nuts grow on beech trees in thorny capsules that usually contain one or two nuts and provide food for many forest animals.
- Beech leaves in spring can be eaten too - they are soft and sweet and can be used in a salad!
- The bark on a beech tree is light grey, smooth and soft.
- The beech tree is sometimes known as the queen of British trees.

HOW BIG IS IT?

The beech tree can grow up to 30 metres tall, and around 15 to 20 metres wide.

WHAT SORT OF LEAVES DOES IT HAVE?

Draw a leaf from this tree here, or why not collect one and stick it here instead?



WHY NOT COLOUR ME IN?

AMAZING FACT

Beech nuts are high in fat and used to be fed to pigs to fatten them up!

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