



HAZEL (*Corylus avellana*)

ALL ABOUT THE HAZEL

- Hazel trees have heart-shaped leaves that are around 5-10cm long and are soft to touch, because they are covered in velvety hairs.
- The bark of a hazel tree is grey, or grey-brown and smooth.
- The fruit of a hazel tree is a hazelnut, although they are also known as cobnuts or filberts. These nuts are edible - they are used in lots of chocolate bars today as well as in Nutella!
- Catkins grow on hazel trees - catkins are strings of flowers that hang from the branches. The catkins on a hazel tree are yellow and appear in March or April before the leaves appear.
- Hazel branches are bendy and have been used in many ways, including furniture, fish traps, fences and in thatched rooves.



HOW BIG IS IT?

The hazel tree can grow up to 7 metres tall and is usually between 4 to 6 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

Did you know that some people think hazel is a magic tree? Hazel branches are supposed to make excellent magic wands and protect against evil spirits!

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