CELEBRATE NATIONAL TREE WEEK 2024





When humans first arrived in Ireland about 10,000 years ago, the island would have been mainly covered in trees. Today Ireland only has about 11% forest cover and only about 2% of that is native woodland. Unfortunately Ireland is one of the most deforested countries in Europe. Many organisations in Ireland promote the importance and planting of trees. This reforestation process is a mix of both broadleaves and conifers. So hopefully in the years to come, Ireland will be covered again in thousands of beautiful trees!

Woodlands are comprised of taller trees (oak, ash, Scot's pine) which form the canopy; smaller tress (holly, hazel, hawthorn) form the understory and below that is the shrub layer of plants (bramble, dog rose and ivy). Woodlands can exist in rural and urban areas. They are havens for biodiversity providing shelter and food for many other plants, birds, mammals and insects. They can also create a cool, dark environment which supports mosses, ferns and lichens.



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The Amazon rainforest in South America, is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It covers over 5.5 million square kilometres and spans across 9 different countries!

NATIVE

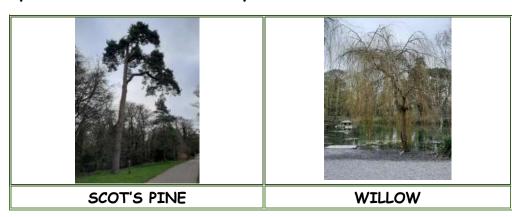
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	PLACENAMES	APRIL	BEETLE	S						
*	Trees produce most of the work	ďs, v	which is essential for li	fe.						
*	Many in Ireland, co.	me from Irish words	for trees, e.g. Kildare	(Dair /Oak).						
*	Ash, oak, willow, rowan, birch an	oak, willow, rowan, birch and hazel are all trees that are to Ireland.								
*	Decaying wood and deadwood in	wooded areas suppor	t fungi and a variety of	·						
*	Woodland is generally	_ than a forest, and h	nas fewer trees per sq	uare meter.						
*	Bluebells are found growing on w	voodland floors in	and May.							

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See if you can find these trees on your walk around the Castle Park!





Find these words in the box below.....

WATER SOIL **LEAF FLOWER BRANCH TRUNK** AIR **FRUIT**

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www.treecouncil.ie

For lots of information on trees!

www.kilkennycastle.ie

For tree trails in the Castle Park!

