

Free Trees for Babies

Tree Species List 2023/2024

You can choose your preferred type of tree from the following list of available trees. Please note that we will try to provide you with the type of tree you choose but it will depend on demand.

Trees available:

Field Maple

Sessile Oak

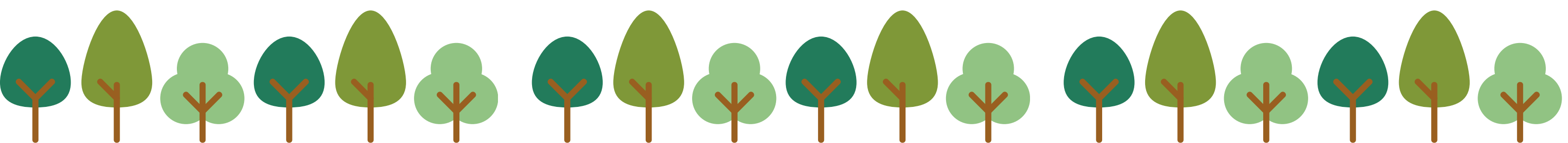
Rowan

Bird Cherry

Crab Apple

Hawthorn

See the tables below for more information on the tree types available for 2024.



Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)



The field maple is a medium-sized deciduous tree with a compact bushy crown. It is suitable for a medium sized garden.

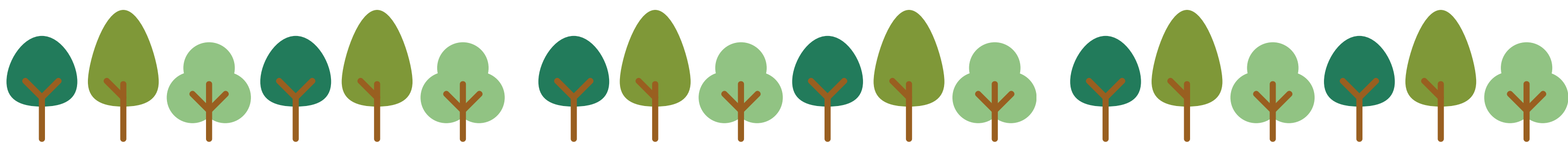
Approx. mature spread 3–6m

Approx. mature height 7–12m

Field maple is the UK's only native maple tree. Found growing in woods and hedgerows, it's a medium sized, deciduous tree with a rounded, bushy crown. It has attractive lobed leaves that turn golden yellow in autumn. Tiny flowers in spring are followed by winged fruits.

As a British native, it is excellent for wildlife: its leaves attract ladybirds and hoverflies. The water pillars of several species of moth feed on its leaves, and bees and other pollinators visit its flowers. It's tolerant of pollution and exposed sites.

Grow Field maple in any moist but well drained soil, in sun or partial shade. Field maple grown as a tree does not need pruning, but it can be pruned in early winter to keep it at the desired height.



Sessile Oak



The sessile oak is a large tree suitable for a large garden.

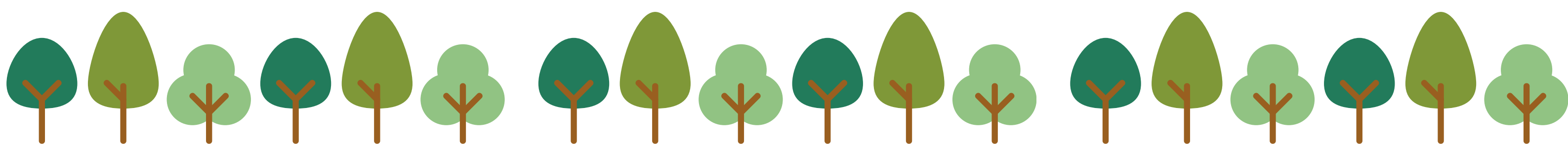
Approx. mature spread 15–20m

Approx. mature height 20–40m

Sessile oak is a large deciduous tree forming a broad, rounded crown, with rather leathery, dark green, lobed leaves to 15cm long, turning orange - brown in autumn. Inconspicuous yellowish flowers in catkins with the young leaves.

The most common and abundant of the oaks found in Britain and Ireland, especially in the north and west. The sessile oak usually has a much taller and straighter trunk than the English oak, with branching beginning much further above the ground. The crown of the tree is narrow in comparison with the spreading shape of an English oak.

Squirrels, jays and badgers love their acorns and caterpillars flock to eat their leaves, in fact 326 species of wildlife are found only on oak.



Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)



The rowan tree is a medium sized tree.

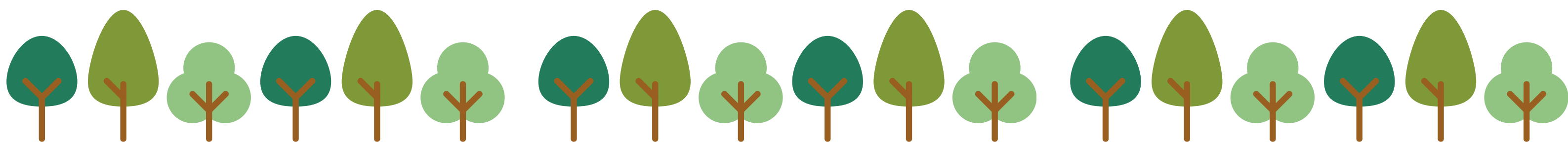
Approx. mature spread 6-8m

Approx. mature height 10-15m

The rowan is a perfect garden tree with beautiful blossom and lovely red berries in autumn. Bees love the blossom, and its leaves and berries are a favourite for wildlife. Birds love the berries.

Rowan was once widely planted by houses as a protection against witches.

Rowans need very little attention after they've become established. You may need to cut back suckering shoots coming from the base of the tree.



Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*)



The crab apple tree is a small sized tree.

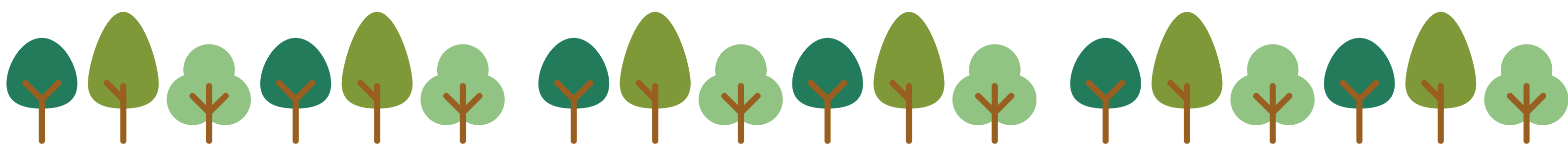
Approx. mature spread 4-6m

Approx. mature height 8-10m

Our native Crab apple is a pretty tree with abundant white flower in the spring followed by red flushed fruits in the autumn which are great for wildlife. Green summer leaves turn a crisp yellow in the autumn before falling.

A symbol of fertility and a forager's delight. Crab apple trees are associated with love and marriage and its small, hard fruits make an exquisite, jewel-coloured jelly.

Malus is best suited to heavy soils, including clay, and make fine small trees for most gardens. Crab apple tolerates a hard prune if required although generally needs little maintenance.



Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)



The hawthorn tree is a small/medium sized tree.

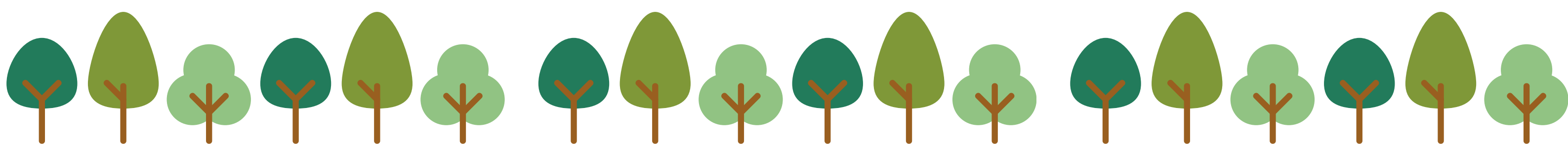
Approx. mature spread 4-6m

Approx. mature height 5-10m

Named after the month in which it blooms and a sign that spring is turning to summer. The pale green leaves of this hedgerow staple are often the first to appear in spring, with an explosion of pretty pale-pink blossom in May. It simply teems with wildlife from bugs to birds.

They have the deeply lobed leaves, spiny twigs and haws (berries). Flowers are highly scented, white or occasionally pink with five petals, and grow in flat-topped clusters.

The hawthorn is the food source and habitats for hundreds of species of birds and beasts.



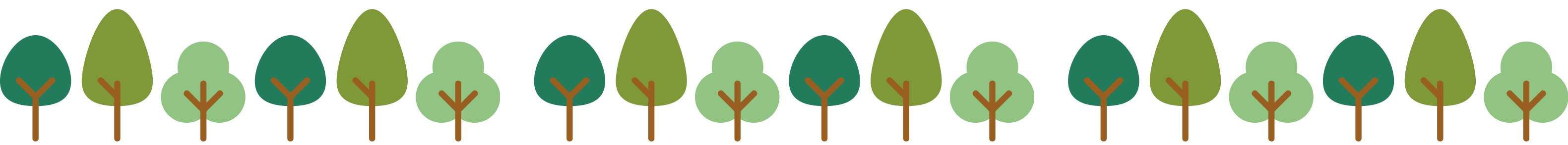
Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*)



Approx. mature spread 5-10m

Approx. mature height 10-15m

Bird Cherry is an attractive flowering native tree with almond scented flowers in May which are held on long slender racemes and provide an early source of nectar and pollen for bees. These turn into small black bitter fruits which are eaten by birds. Good orange yellow leaf colour in autumn.



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