

## Winter Twig ID sheet

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Species	Twig colour	Bud position	Bud shape	Bud colour	Scales	Notes
<b>Alder</b>	Yellow-brown to green	Alt	Boxing glove	Purplish	No	Orange lenticels. Woody cones and catkins
<b>Ash</b>	Grey to greenish	Opp	Large, squat	Matt black	No	Winged fruit often remain throughout winter
<b>Beech</b>	Red-brown	Spiral	Long, thin, pointed	Copper	Yes, many	Pale lenticels
<b>Birch (silver)</b>	Brown (hairless)	Opp	Small, pointed	Brown with green	Yes, few	Warty, pale lenticels
<b>Blackthorn</b>	Dark, silvery	Spiral	small	Brown	Few (very small)	Very large spikes, buds on spikes
<b>Dogwood</b>	Red	Opp	Thin, pointed	Brown (hairy)	-	Lots of very small pale spots
<b>Elder</b>	Grey	Opp	scruffy	Red-brown	No – young leaves	Prominent lenticels. Older twigs and branches corky and winged
<b>Elm</b>	Brown	Alt	Small, compact	Dark brown-black	Yes, few	Pale lenticels. Older twigs and branches corky and winged
<b>Field Maple</b>	Light brown	Opp	Scruffy, often stalked	Red-brown with white hairs	Yes, few	Older twigs and branches corky and winged
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Grey to red-brown	Alt	Very small, blunt	Red	Yes, few	Pale lenticels. Buds at the base of the thorns
<b>Hazel</b>	Green to red-brown	Alt	Oval	Green with red to edge of scales	Yes, obvious	Hairy twigs, catkins
<b>Hornbeam</b>	Brown	Alt	Long, pointed	Pale brown, sometimes green	Yes, obvious	Buds lie close to stem, hairy
<b>Horse Chestnut</b>	Pale brown	Opp	Large, fat	Red-brown	Yes	Sticky buds, prominent leaf scars
<b>Lime</b>	Red to green	Alt	Round, blunt	Red-purple	Yes, few	Twigs very smooth
<b>Oak</b>	Grey-brown	Spiral	Fat round, blunt	Orange-brown	Yes, obvious	Pale lenticels. Terminal cluster of buds
<b>Rowan</b>	Grey	Alt	Pointed, occasionally stalked	Purple-ish	Yes, hairy edges	
<b>Spindle</b>	Green	Opp	Pointed	Green with red edges to scales	Yes, obvious	Lie flat against twig, twig is flattened
<b>Sweet chestnut</b>	Red-brown	Alt	Fat, pointed	Red-brown	Yes, few	Twigs ridged with pale lenticels
<b>Sycamore</b>	Grey-brown	Opp	Small, pointed	Green	Yes, obvious	Pale lenticels, buds. Scales edged with pale hair