

Fun Facts about Trees

The tallest native tree in Ireland is a 40 m tall Ash tree near Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.



The oldest tree in Ireland is thought to be a yew tree in Co. Wexford which is over 1,000 years old. The Brian Boru oak in Co. Clare is also said to be over 1,000 years old.



The tree with the largest girth is an exotic tree, a Monterey cypress, commonly known as Macrocarpa. This tree is in Killyleigh, Co. Down and is over 12 metres in diameter



Trees produce more oxygen than any other single living organism



Counties in Ireland are names after native trees: Derry - Doire (Oak), Antrim - Aon Trim (Elder), Kildare - Cill Dara (Church of the Oaks), Mayo - Maigh Eo (Plain of the Yews)

Uses for Trees

- ✓ **Ash** - Used for making Hurleys for centuries
- ✓ **Willow** - Used for making cricket bats, baskets, living fences
- ✓ **Alder** - Shields, clogs, bridges, old milk churns
- ✓ **Hazel** - Hurdles, gates, fences and wattle for building
- ✓ **Oak, Ash, Scot's Pine** - Their timber is used for furniture making and building purposes
- ✓ **Blackthorn** - Known as Shillelaghs, very strong wood, used long ago as weapons
- ✓ **Cherry, Apple, Pear, Plum** - Fruit supply
- ✓ **Pine** - Good for firewood and building (water resistant)
- ✓ **Sycamore** - Wooden spoons and other wooden kitchen utensils
- ✓ **Beech** - Excellent for furniture making
- ✓ **Larch** - Boat building
- ✓ **Spruce & Maple** - Used to make violins
- ✓ Many species of trees from tropical climates are imported for use in Ireland e.g mahogany, ebony

