

# Rowan Tree

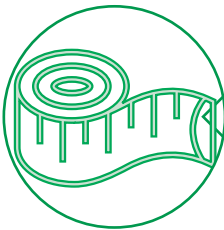
## Habitat Hero



**Common Name:** Rowan / Mountain Ash  
**Irish Name:** Caorthann  
**Scientific Name:** Sorbus aucuparia

### Seen in Ireland:

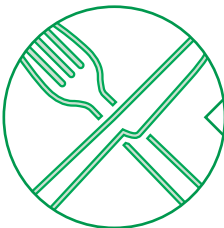
Flowers: May – June  
Fruit: August – October



**Size:** Rowan trees can grow to 15-18m tall. The leaves are green on both sides, with up to 9 pairs of smaller, toothed leaflets.



**Habitat (where it lives):** In the wild it grows in valleys, beside mountain streams, in woods and rocky places. It is a popular tree for planting in gardens, parks, and school grounds.



**Diet:** Rowan need soil, water and air, so they can turn sunlight into food and energy to grow.



**Life:** These trees can live for up to 200 years.

# Rowan Tree Life Cycle

In **Winter** the berries fall to the ground and the seeds will get washed into the soil. The tree also drops its leaves.

In **Spring** Rowan Trees start to grow new leaves.



By **Autumn** these flowers have turned into bright red berries, with seeds inside.

In **Summer** groups of small white flowers grow all over the tree.

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## Some more Facts:

- The Rowan begins to grow again in Spring.
- Its dark green leaves first appear in April.
- Large, flat heads of creamy-white 5-petalled flowers start to show up in May and June.
- Rowan flowers turn into clusters of red berries in late Summer and Autumn.
- The berries feed many types of birds in the Autumn.
- The birds help the tree to spread its seeds far and wide in their droppings!
- Rowan trees are deciduous: this means that leaves change colour in autumn and they drop their leaves in winter.
- This helps them to save energy – as there is not much point having leaves in the winter if there is very little sunshine to make food from.

