

HAWTHORN TREE

This tree is a small, native tree commonly spotted along hedgerows or standing alone across the country. These trees are easily identified by their thorny branches, deeply lobed leaves, bright white flowers (in May) and berries.

Also called the May Tree or the Fairy Tree, it provides food and shelter to many birds and insects.



Flowers: The flowers are white or occasionally pink with a strong smell. Each flower has 5 petals and grow in flat-topped clusters

Fruit: once the flowers are pollinated by insects, they develop into deep-red fruits called 'Haws'.



Activities you can carry out:

- Check out our short video [here](#) on the Hawthorn Tree
- Learn how to draw this beautiful tree with this [video](#) in English or As Gaeilge.
- Why not share any pictures or drawings of your local hawthorn trees with us?

