



# The Field Key to Winter Twigs

a guide to native and planted deciduous trees, shrubs and woody climbers (xylophytes) of Britain and Ireland (inc. taxa from Europe, N America, SE Asia & beyond...)

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This guide hopes to make winter botany fun! Identifying trees and shrubs once the leaves have dropped might seem impossible but is actually much easier than you think.

Twigs have a suite of unique characters; from leaf scars resembling monkey faces to buds wearing hula skirts - the variation is phenomenal. You may need to use all your senses to hear the audible snapping of crack willow, feel the roughness of sweet chestnut, experience the odours from mice to perfume and the taste from aspirin to rosewater.

We have a significant number of species thanks to our Victorian plant-collectors who brought back numerous new and exotic species from the four corners of the world. Even just a walk around your local streets, cemeteries and parks should yield 50+ species so this is really something that can be done on those otherwise dull winter days.

This book will be invaluable to all amateur and professional botanists, ecological consultants, students, foresters, horticulturalists, dendrologists and naturalists. It is a fully illustrated A5 softback with stunning full colour photographs and diagnostic B&W line illustrations.

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