

Oak trees: habitat in bark, hollows and dead wood

A tree's value is not confined to living branches. Details that look untidy to people can be part of the habitat used by other organisms.

Purpose

Explore the topic by separating observations, sourced information and questions. This activity can be completed at a desk; it does not require intervention in a habitat or heritage site.

You will need: paper, a pencil and the reading source listed on the next page.

Activity steps

1. Sketch a tree with bark, hollows and fallen wood.
2. Label places that different organisms might use.
3. Separate UK examples from questions about your own region.
4. Observe from an appropriate distance without disturbing the tree.

Name / group: Date: Source:

For any visit, follow the relevant site guidance. Observe without capturing, moving or feeding wildlife, or touching historic surfaces.

Your learning record

1. My sketch, diagram or direct observation

2. Information I checked in the source

3. My interpretation and unanswered questions

4. My next learning step

Reading: Woodland Trust — Oak species guide

[Open the reading source](#)

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