

Hello Trees Resource Sheet

What to look for outdoors in Summer

Tree seeds: looking for fruit formation



As tree flowers fade, it is fun to go looking for the fruit forming out of them.



There is no need to know which tree is which – simply search for flower remnants and see what is happening.



By the way, I am using 'fruits' as a general term for seeds, nuts, berries, drupes, samaras, capsules, achenes, legumes, hips, pomes, cones - and other fruits!

Here are some of the developing fruits that I found.



Rowan, hornbeam, apple, cherry, birch, hazel, hawthorn, field maple and oak fruits

I laid them out on a cupboard top, and took a photo of them all with my phone camera. 9 different tree fruits in one quick wiz around our trees!



Could you do that? Or ask someone with a camera or phone to take photos for you?



Fruits are the offspring of the trees – their children. You wouldn't want to take more than you are sure the tree can afford to lose.

Or you could take a photo of the fruit on the tree.

Then you can take your time to have a good look at them later.



Perhaps you would like to draw the fruit – and perhaps the leaf of the tree.

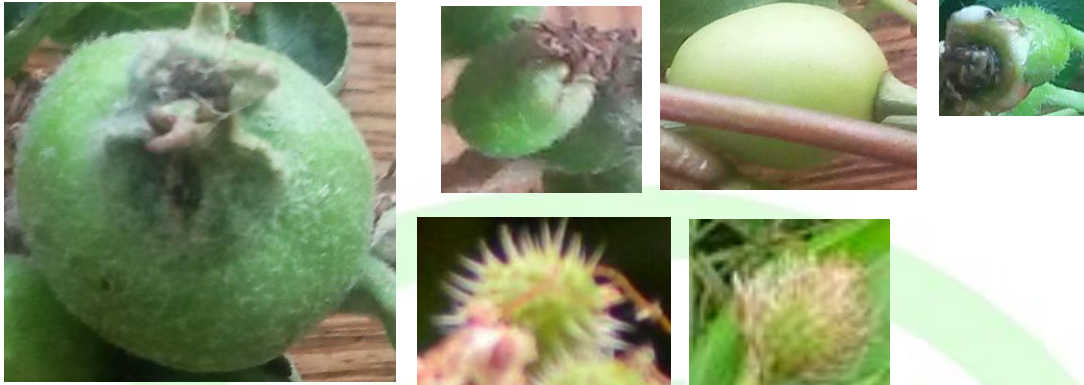
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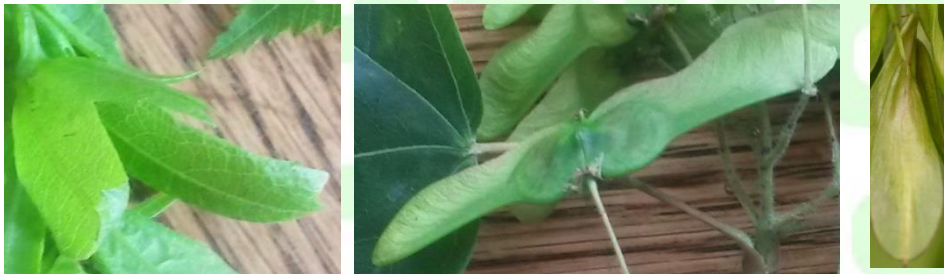
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I found fleshy fruits: apple, rowan, cherry, hawthorn, horsechestnut and beech.



Seeds with 'wings': hornbeam, field maple and ash.



Seeds in hard cases: hazel and oak.

Seeds in catkins: birch and pussy willow



What did you find? Do let us know how you get on with your collecting.
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