

# Ár gCrainn Dhúchasacha

# Our Native Trees



Silver birch  
Beith gheal



Downy birch  
Beith chlúmhadh



Rowan or mountain ash  
Caorthann



Aspen  
Crann creathach



Arbutus  
Caithe



Scots pine  
Péine Albanach



Holly  
Cuileann



Wych elm  
Leamhán sléibhe



Willow  
Saileach



Bird cherry  
Donnoisc



Whitebeam  
Fionncholl



Wild cherry  
Gean - crann silíní fiáin

**T**impeall 12,000 bliain ó shin, bhí Éire clúdaithe le sneachta agus oighear. Aithníodh í seo mar an Oighearaois. De réir mar a d'éirigh an aimsir níos teo, leáigh an sneachta agus an oighear agus thosaigh crainn ag fás. Thug éin agus ainmhithe síolta na gcrann mar an coll agus an dair anseo, trasna na droichid talún ón mBreatain agus ón gcuid eile den Eoraip. Tá na síolta ó chrainn eile, mar an tsailleach agus an bheith, chomh héadrom sin gur séideadh anseo iad ag an ngaoth. Ag deireadh báire, d'ardaigh na farraigí, bhí na droichid talún faoi uisce agus deineadh oileán d'Éirinn. Is iad ár gcrainn dhúchasacha ná na crainn a bhain an tír seo amach sular scaradh sinn ón gcuid eile den Eoraip. Cuimsíonn ár gcrainn dhúchasacha is coitianta dair, fuinseog coll, beith, péine Albanach, caorthann agus saileach. Ag deireadh báire, thug daoine crainn eile go hÉirinn, mar atá feá, seiceamar, crann cnó capaill, sprús, laireog agus giúis.

**A**round 12,000 years ago, Ireland was covered in snow and ice. This was known as the Ice Age. As the weather became warmer, the snow and ice melted and trees began to grow. The seeds of trees such as hazel and oak were brought here by birds and animals, across the landbridges from Britain and the rest of Europe. The seeds of other trees, such as willow and birch, are so light that they were blown here by the wind. Eventually, the seas rose, the landbridges were flooded and Ireland became an island. Our native trees are the trees that reached here before we were separated from the rest of Europe. Our most common native trees include oak, ash, hazel, birch, Scots pine, rowan and willow. Eventually, people brought other trees, such as beech, sycamore, horse chestnut, spruce, larch and fir to Ireland.



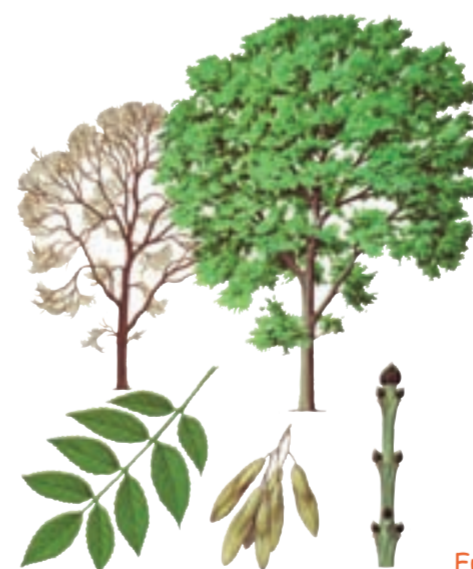
Hawthorn  
Sceach gheal



Pedunculate oak  
Dair ghallda



Juniper  
Aiteal



Ash  
Fuinseog



Alder  
Fearnóg



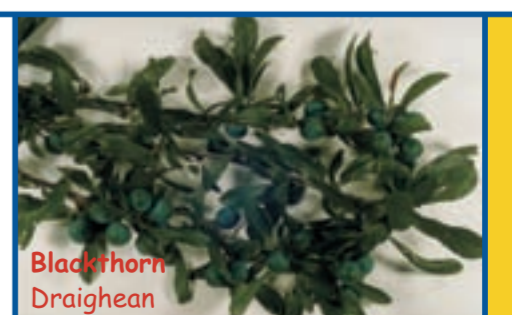
Hazel  
Coll



Sessile oak  
Dair ghaelach



Yew  
Iúr



Blackthorn  
Draighean

