

Did you know?

- There are two types of woodland: coniferous woodland is mostly made up of evergreen trees with needle-like leaves, while deciduous woodland is home to trees with broad, flat leaves.
- The age of some trees can be estimated by how many adults it takes to hug them!
- The Major Oak in Sherwood Forest is believed to have been a hiding place for Robin Hood and his Merry Men!
- A Christmas tree is traditionally an evergreen fir.
- Yew trees can live for over a thousand years!
- Generations of badger families can live in the same sett for up to 100 years.
- Woodpeckers sound out hollows in trees with their long bills and catch insects with a long sticky tongue!
- The grass snake is the largest species of snake to be found in Britain: it grows up to two metres long. They like damp woodland homes, often hibernating in abandoned rabbit warrens.
- Fairies love fresh flowers and laughter, but most of all, fairies love music!
- The beautiful red fox, with its bushy tail and dog-like face is a crepuscular creature. This means it sleeps during the day and comes out at twilight.
- A fox only uses an underground den when raising new pups.
- Did you know that as well as whiskery faces, foxes have whiskers on their legs which help them find their way around?
- The oldest tree in the UK (and perhaps in Europe) is believed to be the Fortingall Yew near Aberfeldy in Scotland. It is thought to be between 2000–3000 years old.
- Leaf litter makes a great hiding place for animals and insects who also love to feast on fallen pine cones, seeds, nuts and toadstools!

