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What trees or plants would you like to see planted here? What can you imagine happening in this space?  
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**Spaeth's Alder *Alnus x spaethii*: 3 4 9**  
**Alder *Alnus*: 6 7 17 24 29 31 32**  
**Common Alder Fearnóg *Alnus glutinosa*: 13 21**

You see a lot of me in this park  
 I am often found in soggy places and along river banks

Insects, lichens and fungi love me,  
 I give them somewhere to live  
 In older times people put my leaves inside their boots to keep their feet cool so they could travel long.  
 My timber has been used in building bridges and making canal sluices and Venice was built on my wood.

There are different types of me here in the park but if you look closely you will find we all have something in common. Can you see what it is?

**Answer:** *Catkins and small cones. The cones contain my seed, some of them are already open, can you spot them?*



**Beech Feá *Fagus sylvatica*: 1**

My buds are pointy and zig and zag  
 My leaves are silky with wavy edges,  
 I can live for over two hundred years!  
 And my wood can be used to make things.  
 What am I?  
 I'm a Beech



**Willow Saíleach *Salix***

There are different types of willows in this park.  
 Can you spot our differences?  
 Did you know I can relieve pain because my bark contains salicin which is an ingredient of aspirin.

My flowers are rich in nectar so bees and pollinating insects love me as do moths and butterflies. Caterpillars love to nibble my leaves.  
 People weave my strong flexible shoots into living fences or sculptures, toys and baskets.  
 I can absorb lots of water, that's why I love it here.  
 I can grow really fast, several feet in a year.



**Weeping Willow *Salix x sepulcralis*: 2**

I love the full sun on all my drapes  
 My branches droop towards the ground  
 And the rain when it falls  
 Trickles down my leaves  
 So it looks as though I'm weeping



**Corkscrew Willow *Salix babylonica tortuosa*: 15 18**

I am SO curly  
 Look how my branches twist and turn  
 Come see me in the winter when my leaves are gone and delight in my spirals against the cold daylight



**Bay Willow *Salix pentandra*: 23**

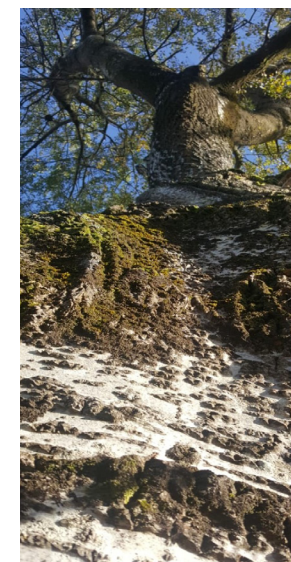
My leaves look like those of the bay  
 Long and green, that in autumn blow away  
 Look at my trunk how big it is!  
 How many of you, to hug me does it take?



**Poplar Poibleog *Populus*: 5 8**

What great big leaves I have!  
 Feel my leaf and look underneath  
 Am I thin and leathery or soft and silky?  
 See the flecks on my stem and how neat are my buds  
 To really see me, stand back far and gaze  
 See how tall I am as I reach for the sky

There are many types of poplar



**White Poplar *Populus alba*: 11 19**

Some call me white poplar with my creamy trunk,  
 Lean against me and look up towards the great blue,  
 Hear my distant leaves rustle in the breeze





**Ash Fuínseog**  
***Fraxinus excelsior*: 10 22**

Birds love my seeds and moths my leaves  
Under my canopy wildflowers grow and  
on my trunk you'll find lichens galore  
I am graceful and tall  
My bark is smooth  
Place your arms around me  
And I'll whisper to you,  
For over four hundred years can I grow,  
So imagine the things that I know.



**Narrow-leaved Ash**  
***Fraxinus angustifolia*: 16 27**

Touch softly the frilly lichens that live on my bark  
Be gentle, it takes time for these to grow  
Lichens love my bark, they do me no harm.  
Look closely and you will see my leaves are  
narrower than the common ash



**Sweet Chestnut Castán**  
***Castanea sativa*: 12**

Hey, how did I get here?  
I don't think I was planted, maybe I was  
or maybe I 'blew' in,  
I'm one of the youngest here  
watch out for me and see how I grow  
I can live for several hundred years you know  
Run your finger along my spine teeth leaves  
You think these are sharp?  
Wait until you see my chestnut husks in autumn!  
Now they are sharp.



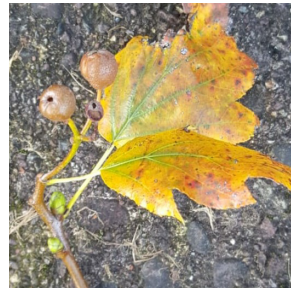
**Willow *Salix*: 14**

Salix is another word for willow  
What a great hideaway lies here!



**Wild Service *Sorbus torminalis*: 20**

My buds are rounded and green like little  
peas  
I have flowers in summer for the insects  
And bees and berries in autumn for birds  
My bark is distinctive and cracks into  
plates  
Place your hand along it and feel what I  
mean



**Sweet Gum Variegata**  
***Crann breacnaíthe guma***  
***Liquidambar styraciflua aurea*: 25**

I am a curious tree in these parts  
I come all the way from America  
I got my name from my sweet resin that  
people once chewed.  
My leaves in autumn turn colours  
Of lemons and crimsons, purples and  
ambers  
Keep an eye out for me, I am on my own  
Maybe someone can plant another  
Sweet Gum  
To keep me company



**Lime Teíle *Tilia cordata*: 26**

I am the Lime, or Tilia or Linden  
Legends abound from my past  
While my sisters line the promenade  
I like it here in the quiet Holland Park  
Bees smell my nectar miles away  
And aphids delight on my honeydew  
See how my leaf is shaped like a heart  
Feel this heart in your hand  
As you look up to the sky  
Through all my fluttering hearts  
Dizzy on a clear sunny day



**Silver Birch Beíth Gheal**  
***Betula pendula*: 28**

We are a stand of Birches  
Whispering in the wind  
How tall and graceful are we  
How delicate our leaves



**Maple Mailp *Acer*: 30**

My leaves are shaped a little like stars  
They sit on bright red stems  
See how the sunlight plays with them  
As their green fades to yellow, vermillion  
Then they float to the ground  
When that time is come  
For all things to fade away