

How's your Nature Knowledge?

Student Introduction

- ▶ This resource will help you to practise your reading skills
- ▶ You will also gain an understanding of the specimen trees that can be seen at Robin Hill Country Park!



There is an abundance of nature at Robin Hill!

TASK

- ✓ Read the information on pages 1 and 2 and answer the questions in FULL SENTENCES, with one quotation to support your answer.

Copper Beech



With red/purple pigments in its leaf, this beech variety stays its copper colour until leaf fall. Beech trees love chalk and

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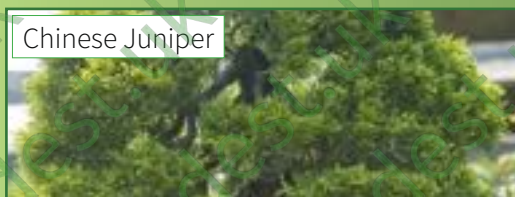
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Chinese Juniper



This popular garden evergreen was first brought to England in 1804. Juniper oil was used in ancient Egypt for preserving bodies for mummification. See this tree in the top part of the gardens.

1. Where does the Horse Chestnut tree originate, and what is it best known for?

2. Describe what the ancient Egyptians used one particular tree for.

3. Which tree is described as 'not a usual specimen of English woodland'? And where is it normally found?

Liquid Amber



The stunning colours of the Liquid Amber in October are a must-see for anyone who loves trees in Autumn, with leaves ranging from yellow through to purple. Not a usual specimen of English woodland, this tree is more commonly found in the south eastern USA where it is one of the most important commercial hardwoods and is used for making furniture.

Giant Redwood



This is the world's largest tree species, originating from California. It can produce the biggest volume of timber of any tree, up to 1000 tonnes when fully grown. Scientists estimate this could take over 1500 years! The Robin Hill specimen is only 100 years old and has quite a lot of growing to do to catch its American relatives.

Coastal Redwood



The tallest tree species in the world can grow in excess of 110m/360ft and 8 metres in diameter, although the Robin Hill specimen is only a baby compared to these at 20 metres! Redwoods are part of the

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The king of our native trees, the Oak's Latin title, *robur* means sturdy. The amazing strength in its timber has always been much sought after for building and shipbuilding. Unfailable until man invented iron tools. An English Oak can grow to 50 metres tall and the oldest known specimen in England is over 1000 years old!

4. What are the main differences between the two Redwood trees?

5. In your own words, describe what is interesting about the English Oak tree:

6. List as many adjectives as you can that have been used to describe the trees at Robin Hill:

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