

Seed collection calendar

MEDIUM-LARGE TREES

Scientific name	English name	Welsh name	Ja n	Fe b	M ar	A pr	Ma y	Ju n	J ul	Au g	Se pt	O ct	No v	De c	Collection method
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field maple	Masarn bach	x								X	X	X	x	Prune/shake when bracts turn brown
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore*	Masarn									X	X			Collect fruits from tree when they turn yellowy/brown
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse Chestnut*	Castanwydd y meirch									X	X	X		Collect plump, ripe nuts from ground & remove from spiky casing
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Common alder	Gwernen									X	X	X	X	Prune/pluck to collect cones in paper bags when they are brown
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver birch	Bedw arian								X	X	X	x		Prune/pluck then strip strobiles when still intact, brown inside, place in bag to dry
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy birch	Bedw llwyd								x	X	X	x		Prune/pluck then strip strobiles when still intact, brown inside, place in bag to dry
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	Oestrwydden									x	x	X		Prune/shake when bracts turn brown
<i>Castanea sativa</i>	Sweet Chestnut*	Castanwydden bêr									X	X	X		Collect plump, ripe nuts from ground & remove from spiky casing
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	Ffawydd									x	X	X	x	Prune/shake and collect plump ripe nuts. Can use nets on ground
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	Ynn									X	X	X		Prune/shake branches when keys turned brown.
<i>Malus sylvestris ssp sylvestris</i>	Crab apple	Coeden afalau surion									X	X	x		Shake the branches and collect the fruit when they are falling naturally
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	Pinwydden yr Alban	X									X	X	X	Prune /shake branches to collect cones in paper bags when brown
<i>Populus canescens</i>	Grey Poplar	Poplys llwydion													Usually propagated from leafy summer cuttings
<i>Populus nigra ssp. betulifolia</i>	Black Poplar	Poplys duon				X	X								Usually grown from cuttings
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Aspen	Aethnenni				X	X								Prune branches and collect seed when ripe (seed requires careful handling)
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	Coeden geirios du							X	X					Shake branches, collect fruits when turn from yellow to red - before the birds!
<i>Prunus padus</i>	Bird Cherry	Coeden geirios yr adar							X	X					Shake branches, collect when the cherries have turned black
<i>Quercus petraea</i>	Sessile Oak	Derwen mes di-goes										X	X		Collect from tree is possible, or immediately they fall. Float test
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	Derwen mes coe-synnog										X	X		Collect from tree is possible, or immediately they fall. Float test
<i>Salix alba</i>	White Willow	Helyg gwynion													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow	Helygen ddeilgron													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack Willow	Helygen frau													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	Criafolen Wen									X				Pluck bunches of fruits when they turn crimson
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Rowan	Criafol								X	X				Shake/prune to collect the berries. Bird predation can be early
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	Service Tree	Cerddinen wyllt									X	X			Shake/prune to collect clusters of fruit. Take care with identification as hybridises
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	Ywen									X	X			Pluck fruit/shake branches when outer berries (arils) are bright red. NB Poisonous seed
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small-leaved Lime	Pisgwydden dail bach										X			Prune/pluck fruits after the leaf-like bracts have turned brown, usually following a frost
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	Large-leaved Lime	Pisgwydden dail mawrion										X			Prune/pluck fruits after the leaf-like bracts have turned brown, usually following a frost
<i>Ulmus glabra</i>	Wych Elm	Llwyfen lydanddail					X	X	X						Prune/shake branches to collect when wings begin to turn brown



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SMALL TREES / SHRUBS

Scientific name	English name	Welsh name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Collection method
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Box	Pren bocs								x	X	X	x		Pluck fruit from branches
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Common dog-wood	Cwytrosyn									X	X	x	x	Pluck/shake branches as soon as fruit is black and ripe
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	Collen									X	x			Collect nuts when they ripen from green to brown. Check that nuts are full
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	Midland Hawthorn	Draenen wen lefn									X	X	X	X	Prune/shake branches and collect red berries
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	Draenen wen									X	X	X	x	Prune/shake branches and collect red berries when ripe
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Broom	Banadl									X	X	X		Strip branches before pods dehisce
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Spurge Laurel	Clust yr ewig							x	X					Pluck berries when black
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>	Spindle	Piswydden									X	X	X		Shake/hand pick when fruit are orange
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Alder Buckthorn	Breuwydd									X	X			Pluck/prune/shake berries
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	Celyn	x	x								X	X	X	Pluck/shake/prune to collect ripe red berries
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper	Meryw									X	X	X		Pluck/shake branches. You should be able to hear pips shake
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Privet	Yswydden									X	X			Shake/prune fruit from branches when ripe
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	Drain duon									X	X	X		Pluck/shake branches, collect sloes after leaves have fallen
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Purging Buckthorn	Rhafnwydden									X	X			Pluck berries before they are fully ripe (completely black). Bird predation can be high
<i>Rosa arvensis</i>	Field Rose	Rhosyn gwyllt gwyn									X	X	X		Pluck fruit by hand
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog rose	Rhosynau gwyllt									X	X	X		Pluck fruit by hand
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	Butcher's Broom	Celyn Mair	X	X	X	X								X	Pluck berries by hand
<i>Salix aurita</i>	Eared Willow	Helygen glustiog													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Salix cinerea</i>	Grey Willow	Helygen lwyd													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Salix pentandra</i>	Bay Willow	Helyg pêr													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Salix purpurea</i>	Purple Willow	Helygen gochlas													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Salix triandra</i>	Almond Willow	Helygen dribrigerog													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Salix viminalis</i>	Osier Willow	Helygen wiail													Normally grown from cuttings, not seed
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	Ysgawen								X	X	X			Shake branches and collect berries when turn dark purple-black
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	Eithin Ffregig					X	X	X						Pluck/shake before pods burst
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring Tree	Gwifwrnwydd									x	X			Pluck berries when black
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	Gwifwrnwydd y gors									x	X			Prune/pluck/shake to release berries when red



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*Non-native/Naturalised species