

Tree characteristics – what makes a tree matter to you?

In this exercise, consider the following characteristics about trees and indicate how relevant that aspect of trees and treescapes is to you. Note whether it is important to you in a good way or a bad way by using ‘+ve’ and ‘–ve’ rather than a simple x or tick.

Characteristic	Very important?
Identifying characteristics of trees	
Age	
Size - Height	
Size of trunk	
Size of Canopy	
Branches	
Species (e.g., native or exotic)	
Bark	
What trees provide	
Shade	
Signs of old growth, e.g., hollow trunks; cavities; dead wood	
Flowers and leaves	
Fruits and nuts (edible and inedible)	
Associated wildlife: presence of species like animals, plants, mushrooms etc.	
Characteristics of treescapes	
Views / vistas	
Formation:	
- Single trees	
- Lines of trees	
- Clusters of trees	
- Small or larger woods	
Location:	
- Along streets, in car parks, etc.	
- In gardens	
- In parks or parkland settings	
- In copses/groups	
- In larger woodlands	
- Near water (rivers, lakes, canals etc.)	
Other	