

My fruits grow inside small
"cups" and are callednuts
ormast.



Pigs like to eat them and
sometimes they are roasted
and used to make coffee in
France!



What is my name?



I am monoecious which
means that both my
male and female flowers
grow on the same tree.
In April or May my male
catkins hang from long
stalks at the end of my
twigs while the female
flowers grow in pairs
surrounded by a cup.



I am cultivated from the more
common green version to
produce beautiful glossy
purple leaves



My wood is used to make furniture,
kitchen utensils and sports
equipment. Because it burns well it is
also used to smoke fish.



In older times people
boiled my leaves to
make a dressing to
relieve swellings

Can you use the clues
to work out who I
am?