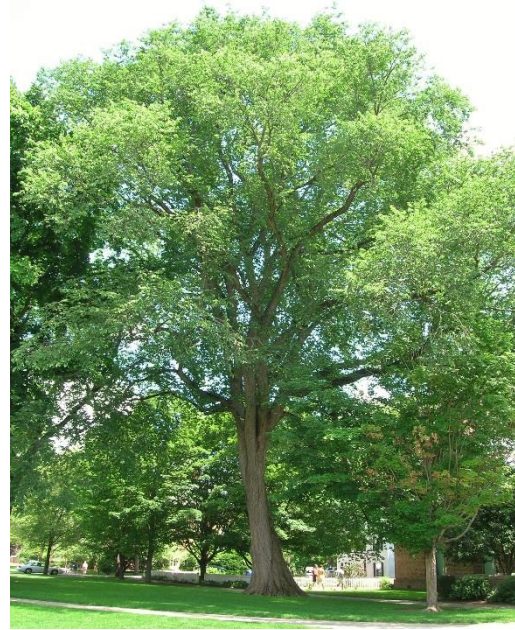


I come from an ancient species of tree which dates back to the Bronze Age up to 5000 years ago

I have reddish hairs on my buds and twigs in winter. If you touch my leaves very gently they will feel rough



Who am I?



My flowers are hermaphrodite which means that both male and female parts are contained in the same flower.



They are dark pink to red and hang in tassels between February and March

There used to be many more trees like me in several countries but, since the 1960s, a widespread disease has killed many thousands of us

Can you identify my leaf on your sheet and, together with the other clues, find out my name?

My wood is strong and durable with a tight-twisted grain, and is resistant to water. It has been used in decorative turning, and to make boats and boat parts, furniture, wheel hubs, wooden water pipes, floorboards and coffins.

