

Not the tallest of trees we usually grow to about 10m in height. My bark is grey-brown and will develop diamond-shaped fissures with age.



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Who Am I?



Unlike other members of my family, my leaves are oval rather than long and thin.



They have a fine silver felt underneath with rusty hairs beneath the veins.

Did you know that the painkiller aspirin is derived from salicin, a compound found in the bark of all trees of my species?



My flowers, called catkins, arrive in early spring – the male catkins are grey, stout and oval, becoming yellow when ripe with pollen; the female catkins longer and green.



Can you match me to my leaf picture?

Once pollinated by wind, female catkins develop into woolly seeds. Most trees of my species can also propagate themselves by lowering their branches to the ground to develop roots.

