

I am a gnarled and mighty tree with the hardest wood of any tree in Europe. My leaves are similar to beech leaves but look carefully and you will see that they have a pleated look and



become golden in winter

What is my name?



Although I am a deciduous tree, my leaves remain on my branches providing cover for wildlife such as a variety of birds and small mammals



In winter look out for my distinctive papery seeds which hang in tiered clusters



In older times a tonic made from my wood was said to relieve tiredness and my leaves were used to stop bleeding and to heal wounds



Because my wood is so hard it has been used for many things including oxen yokes and Roman chariots as well as furniture and flooring

