## CELEBRATE NATIONAL TREE DAY WITH HOLLY TREES! 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022



## Holly, Cuileann, Ilex aquifolium

Holly is a native tree to Ireland and also to Britain, Europe, North Africa and western Asia. It can grow up to 15m in height and live to be 300 years old! Holly is often found in woodland and forms an understory beneath the canopy of taller trees. The dark green shiny leaves on holly trees produce a dense foliage which provides good protection for nesting birds. The leaf litter can also be used by mammals such as hedgehogs for winter hibernation. The trees drop leaves throughout the seasons but as they remain green all year round they are known as evergreens.





Holly trees are dioecious meaning trees have either male or female flowers. Both produce creamy flowers but it's only the female that produces red berries in winter. The flowers produce pollen and nectar for pollinating insects in spring and early summer and the red berries provide food for birds and small mammals in winter. Smooth leaves at the top of the tree are also a food source for deer during the winter months.

## Fill in the blanks with the words below!

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	CHRISTMAS	THRUSHES	BARK
Holly is comm	only found in woodland, scru	b and	
Leaves on you	nger holly trees are prickly	whereas the leaves on older	trees are often
The red berri	es on holly trees are a favou	urite of many birds including	g and blackbirds.
Holly	are a food sourc	e for the caterpillars of th	e holly blue butterfly.
Ivy and holly (	are used to decorate homes	at	time.
The	is smooth and brown ar	nd often has small brown 'wo	arts'.

In the past, it was considered to be unlucky to cut down holly trees .They were also considered to be charms that would keep you safe from witches!!!

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