

Fruit tree identification

Apple



Tree has rounded crown
Bark is flaky and mottled
Leaf petiole (stalk) is downy and buds are rounded
Leaf edges are serrate (toothed)
Leaves shiny on upper side and downy on underside
Twigs are downy on current years growth

Pear



Tree has a pyramidal crown
Bark is fissured into square plates
Leaves are bright, glossy and never downy
Buds are large, pointed and shiny

Plum



Tree has rounded crown
Bark with small raised pores (lenticels) arranged in horizontal bands
Leaf edges are serrate (toothed) but not downy
Buds are small, pointed and conical in shape

Cherry



Shiny shoots with clusters of buds on older twigs
Leaves strongly toothed with small glands on the stalk
Bark is often glossy, broken up with bands of corky lenticels

Quince



Downy shoots and small brown buds. Ends of shoots often flattened and club-like. Yellow, scented pear shaped fruits.

Medlar



Downy shoots, rounded oblong leaves. Large white flowers followed by distinctive round fruits.

Cobnut



Cobnuts are the domesticated form of the wild hazelnut. Rounded, slightly flattened green buds. Large, heart shaped leaves are downy to the touch. Bright yellow catkins in spring and nuts concealed by a large husk.

Damson



Also known as Bullace, the Damson is a sub-species of the plum tree. A small tree with occasional spiny, brownish and downy branches. Small white flowers in early spring followed by rounded purple, red, yellow or green fruits.

Greengage



Another relative of the plum tree - very similar in appearance but with fruits that are green and sweet.