



GREEN GLEN'S WOODLANDS PROJECT

TREE GIVE AWAY 2015

Did you know that 400 years ago the Glens of Antrim were one of the most wooded areas of Ulster?

Today, however, we have one of the lowest percentages of native tree cover anywhere in Europe.

Thanks to funding from the NGO Challenge Fund, we are putting trees back on the map with the unmissable offer of a free tree for your garden.

DO YOUR BIT FOR WILDLIFE

Gardens are important sanctuaries for wildlife.

By planting a native tree, you will create a much-needed habitat for many precious species of wildlife, while enhancing the beauty of your own home.

Flowering trees support pollinators, such as butterflies and bees. And, later in the year, their berries and nuts will provide a valuable source of food for many birds and mammals.

The Woodland Trust and The Heart of The Glens Landscape Partnership are giving away 1,000 trees. Choose between four different native species. We have chosen smaller species, but you must be content that your garden is big enough to support them.

A maximum of four trees will be given out to every household.





HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR A FREE TREE(S)?

1. Trees must be planted in gardens throughout the Glens of Antrim.
2. Find a place in your garden and commit to plant and look after your new tree(s).
3. Send us your address and contact details. We will arrange where and when you can pick-up the tree(s). Ideally the tree(s) will be left in a safe place within your local Glen's village or town.
4. Send us an email with a photograph of your tree being planted in your garden.

THAT'S IT!

BOOKING YOUR TREES

To book your tree(s), email Laura@lps.ccgght.org with your full postal address, email address, and telephone number. Please also indicate the nearest Glens village to where you live.

- Let us know which species you prefer and how many trees (1 to 4) you would like.
- Trees will be left for you to pick up at key locations throughout the Glens of Antrim
- There is only a limited number of trees, so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Please contact us before Friday 27th February 2015



THE TREES

SILVER BIRCH grows to 30 metres and provides food and habitat for more than 300 insect species, plus other species higher up the food chain. Seeds are eaten by siskins, greenfinches and redpolls.



Silver Birch in full foliage

WILD CHERRY is a medium-sized flowering tree growing up to 20 metres. The spring flowers provide an early source of nectar and pollen for bees, while the cherries are eaten by birds including the blackbird and song thrush, as well as mammals such as the badger, wood mouse, yellow necked mouse and dormouse.



Wild Cherry in blossom

ROWAN OR MOUNTAIN ASH grows to a height of 15 metres. It provides pollen and nectar for bees and other pollinating insects, while the berries are a rich source of autumn food for birds, especially the blackbird, mistle thrush, redstart, redwing, song thrush, fieldfare and waxwing.



Rowan flower

CRAB APPLE is a beautiful small tree that, over a long period, grows to a height of 10 metres. The leaves are food for the caterpillars of many moths and the flowers provide an important source of early pollen and nectar for insects, particularly bees. Fruit is eaten by birds, including blackbirds, thrushes and crows. Mammals, including mice, voles, foxes and badgers also eat crab apple fruit.



Crab Apple in bloom