Right tree, right place

When you're choosing a tree to plant, think carefully about the space it's going to live in. Trees are unique – just like us – so we need to find their perfect habitat. How big will it grow? How much space does it need? Where will it grow big and tall?

Look at the four tree species below. What are their unique characteristics? What do they need? Match each tree to the best growing location on the plan below.

Horse chestnut

Horse chestnuts can grow to be very large trees (up to 30m tall) and are therefore best grown in open spaces, such as parks and gardens. You'll probably know them from the 'conkers' they produce.

Alder

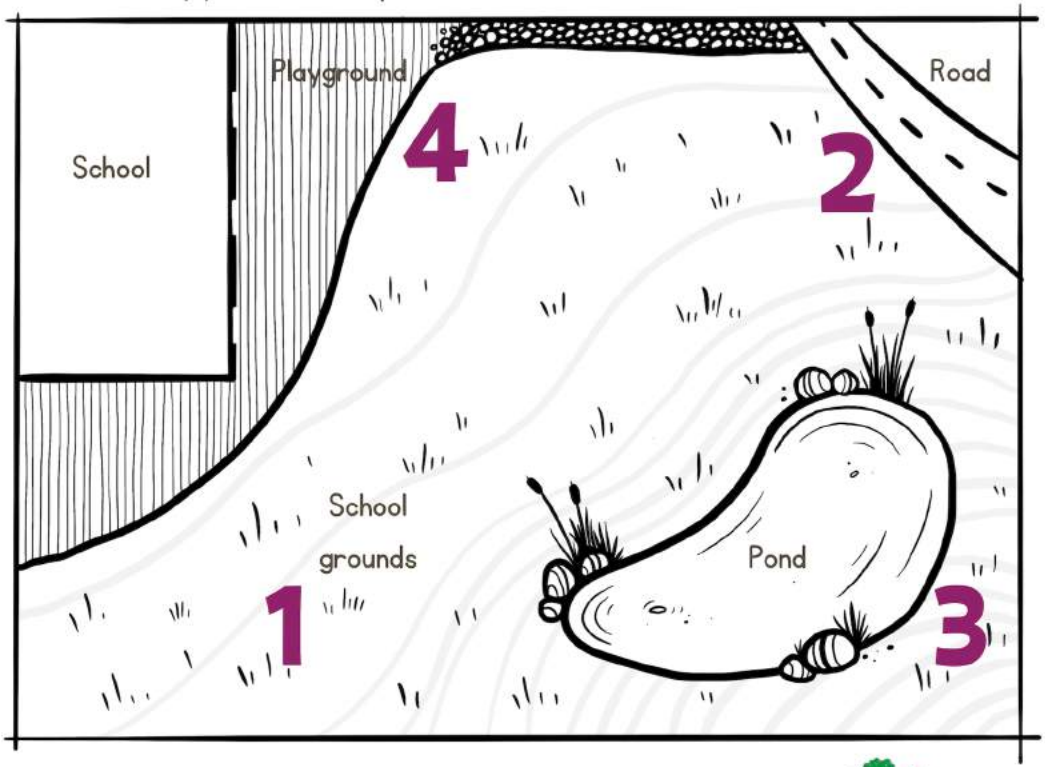
Alders grow in a variety of soil types but prefer damp soil, including wet woodlands and on the banks of rivers and ponds. Alder roots lock nitrogen into the soil so they can even improve poor soils.

Rowan

Rowans are quite small trees (up to 15 m tall) making them suitable for growing near buildings. They do best on well-drained soils and can handle some shade but the berries colour best in full sun.

Hawthorn

Hawthorns are everywhere! They tolerate many different soils and are often found in hedgerows by roads. They're a wildlife superhero, their flowers providing food for insects and birds.



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