Tree calendar

Did you know most seeds need to be exposed to the cold before they can grow. They sprout after winter so they don't get killed by frost!

2.2 – Planning ahead

Use our calendar to plan your exciting tree planting journey!

Stratifying is when we put seeds in a sandy, compost mix outside over winter so they feel the cold and then know when it's time to germinate

Year 1

Sept / Oct / Nov / Dec

Explore! Look for trees where you can gather seeds – in ancient woodlands, hedgerows, orchards, parks. Remember to ask permission from the landowner.

Jan / Feb

Sow! Oak, beech and chestnut seeds can be sown.
Stratify! Others need time and cold to germinate.

Mar

Sow! Use compost in pots or sow your stratified seeds outside.

Apr

Care for your seedlings...

May / Jun / Jul / Aug

...This might take a while, so you'll need to wait patiently...

Year 2

Sept / Oct

Watch them flourish and develop their first roots and shoots.

Nov / Dec

Once your trees are 20cm tall, you can plant them in their final growing locations.

Jan / Feb / Mar / Apr

It's best to do this in the winter and make sure you have thought carefully about finding the right place for the right tree, so it doesn't have to be moved!

Useful vocab

Dormancy – when a seed is inactive during cold winter months. This process ensures that seeds don't germinate during the winter, when young seedlings might be killed by the cold.

Remember! Different species have different needs. Research your species before getting started, check out www.treegrowersguide.org.uk

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