

# WILD DUBLIN

## Exploring Nature in the City

### Identifying Trees

Read pp 78-79

Trees are everywhere in Ireland, and sometimes we don't really notice just how interesting they are.

Look at the pictures of trees on page 62 and page 89. Do you think that all the trees are identical?

How many different types of tree do you think that you could find in your own immediate area?

If you look at this site you will be able to see how to identify the trees in your area: they also sell tree identification guides.

[http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree\\_council\\_publications.htm](http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree_council_publications.htm)

*Trees can be deciduous or evergreen. Some use the wind to disperse their seeds; others use animals. Some trees are tall and narrow, some are spreading. Not all leaves are the same size, shape or texture. Some trees have rough bark and some have smooth bark.*

Do you think that you could select four trees from your area and create an identification diagram for them? You can use the blank *'Tree diagram'* below. You will have to think of three questions that have a **yes or no** answer that can separate the trees. E.g. *Is it a deciduous tree? / Are the seeds dispersed by the wind? Etc ...*

