



Ulster Wildlife Trust



Bud Terms

Learn more about the winter buds on trees in your local urban park.

Bud Arrangement

Buds along a twig can be opposite each other, in clusters or alternate. The alternate buds can be described as 'zigzag'.

Bud Length

Buds range from a few millimetres to a couple of centimetres.

Bud Colour

Colours differ, some can be brown, others green!

Bud Shape

Some buds appear round whilst others appear squat in appearance.

Bud Scales

Developed by the twig to protect the bud.

Bud Hairs

Some buds feel hairy to touch.

Leaf Scar

As the leaf drops off during the autumn, it leaves behind a scar. Over the years, the scars accumulate along the twig.

Twig Colour

Colours vary between species