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	Leaf pinnate	Leaflet pairs 2-3				Elder	
		Leaflet pairs >4				Ash	
	Leaf edge smooth	Leaves opposite	Leaf <3cm wide	L. <x2 long/wide	Garden Privet		
				L. >x2 long/wide	Wild Privet		
			Leaf >3cm wide	5-7 prs. secondary veins	Red-osier Dogwood		
				4-5 prs. secondary veins	Dogwood		
		Leaves alternate				Beech	
		Leaf deeply lobed	Leaves opposite	Leaf stalk channelled			Guelder-rose
	Leaf stalk round			Lobes acute	Sycamore		
				Lobes obtuse	Field Maple		

Tree or shrub	Leaf simple	lobed	Leaves alternate	Twigs thorny		Single stigma 	Hawthorn	
						Two stigmas 	Midland Hawthorn	
				Twigs unarmed			Oak	
		Leaf toothed	Leaves opposite	Leaf base cordate			Wayfaring-tree	
				Leaf base tapered			Spindle	
				Secondary veins curving			Buckthorn	
			Leaves alternate	Leaf spiny toothed			Holly	
				Leaf base lop-sided	Leaf rough above		Elm	
					Leaf smooth/shiny		Lime	
				Spiny branches 			Blackthorn	
				Secondary veins straight into teeth			Hazel	

				Secondary veins curving	Single bud scale 	Willow	
					>1 bud scale 	Apple	
Climber	Woody	Stem prickly	Leaves pinnate	Stout	Dog-rose		
				Slender	Field-rose		
			Leaves palmate		Bramble		
		Stem smooth	Adventitious rootlets		Common Ivy		
	Stem twining		Honeysuckle				
	Herbaceous		Latex	Bracts overlap	Large Bindweed		
		Bracts don't overlap		Hedge Bindweed			
No latex		Black Bryony					

Always work progressively from left to right.

For each specimen select the best match from column A.

Then select the best match from column B within that parameter.

Continue the refining process until you reach the **species in bold**.



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