

# spot signs of autumn

## falling oak leaves

We've two types of oak tree: pedunculate and sessile  
Pedunculate acorns **do** have stalks, but the leaves **don't**  
Sessile acorns **don't** have stalks, but the leaves **do**  
Spot oak leaves falling usually in Oct or Nov  
Have you seen any other leaves on the ground?



## holly berries

The berries are red and go soft when they ripen  
Birds will start eating the berries when they're ripe  
Neither the berries nor the leaves fall off for winter  
Spot ripe holly berries in September or October  
Is there any other food for the birds?

## golden beech leaves

A big deciduous tree that can grow up to 40m tall  
Look for its tell-tale spiky nut cases on the ground  
The oval leaves turn from green to yellow to orange  
They sometimes take all autumn to change colour  
Have you seen any other leaves changing colour?



## bare silver birch

This is a tall, thin tree with smooth, silvery-white bark  
The last leaves usually fall off in October or November  
Spot when the leaves have fallen from the tree  
What other trees can you find without leaves?