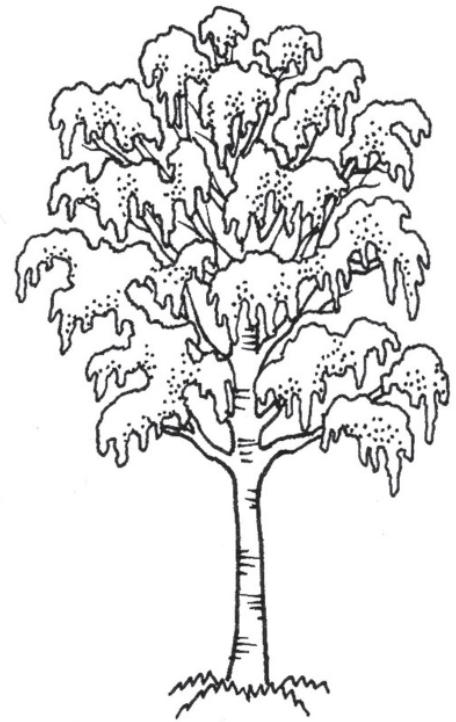
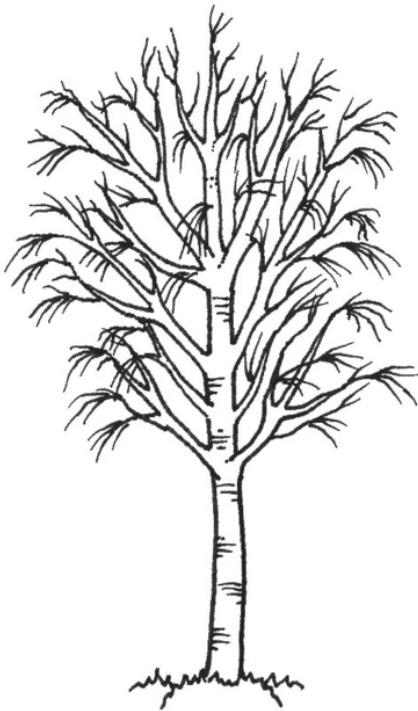


## Tree study

Birch trees are commonly planted in towns, parks and school grounds.

Where is the nearest one to your school? \_\_\_\_\_



Find your nearest birch tree and study it over the school year, starting in September. Wildlife is particularly fond of birch trees and 229 insect species are associated with it.

Visit your tree every two weeks and keep a diary of whatever wildlife you find. Shake the leaves, look in cracks in the bark and search down at the bottom of the tree. Look out for flying insects.

### Diary of examination of Birch tree

	Date	Condition of leaves	Insects found
September 1st fortnight			
September 2nd fortnight			
October 1st fortnight			

And so on until June.

Note changes in the leaves, when all the leaves have fallen, condition of bark, buds, catkins, seeds etc, Keep a note of the number and variety of creepy-crawlies found.