

One of the most common trees in the UK, I can grow to a height of 35m

Can you guess my name!

My purple flowers are dioecious which means that the male and female flowers grow on different trees

My seeds are carried in capsules, often called keys, which twirl and fly away in the wind



My bark is pale brown to grey and in winter I have smooth twigs with distinctive black velvety leaf buds arranged opposite each other



My wood is often used to make flooring, furniture and even the frames for some cars.