

My flowers are green/yellow and hang in spikes called racemes



while my

leaves are palmate and measure 7 – 16cm across. Leaves on younger trees are often red in colour



Can you spot leaf veins which are hairy on the underside?

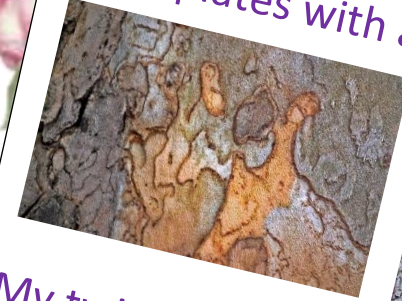
My timber is pale cream, hard and strong and has a fine grain. It is often used to make furniture and kitchenware



Which tree am I?



My bark is dark pink-grey, and smooth when young, but becomes cracked and develops small plates with age.



My twigs are pink-brown and hairless



After pollination by wind and insects, my flowers develop into winged fruits called samaras. They are often called helicopters especially by children who love to watch them twirling in the wind like helicopter blades.



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Because my wood does not taint or stain food it was often used in Wales to carve love spoons as romantic gifts

