



Challenge 4

Which Tree?

If you are “going bush,” taking a stroll in a forest or hiking somewhere with native trees this summer, see how many of these you can identify on the way. We have some useful native tree identification books in the **Adult Non Fiction** section of our libraries around **582.16**.

Tree	Shape	Your leaf sketch
<p>RIMU very prickly tiny leaves on weeping style branches. Can grow up to 30 metres. Old trees have brownish-grey bark that peel off in strips.</p>		
<p>TOTARA Can grow to be really tall (35m) and wide (2m). Leaves stiff and prickly up to 2.5cm tall. Has stringy red brown bark.</p>		
<p>KAHIKATEA NZ’s tallest tree – up to 60m! Leaves are on prongs and look like soft overlapping scales. Like swampy forests and its young branches tend to have upturned tips.</p>		
<p>KAURI has a tall, branchless trunk with a wide crown at the top. Skinny leaves usually 2-4cm long. Trunk looks like it has been hammered. Trees 40+ actually cones</p>		
<p>MANUKA often mistaken for KANUKA. Leaves are about 1cm long and prickly. Gets white or pink flowers. Often gets grey fungus on trunk. May grow to 8m and smells nice in the summer.</p>		
<p>POHUTUKAWA Has red spiky balls for flowers around Xmas time. Grows up to 20m, but can spread out even wider. Often near the beach.</p>		

Scan and send in your completed Challenge sheet and email to libraryevents@wdc.govt.nz with **Great Summer Reading Challenge** in the subject line and your name too, or bring it the Library.