



Yew Trees

Creating our own description of the Yew Tree

What do yew trees look like?



Collect words to describe yew trees

Roots



Canopy



Where can you find yew trees?

- ▶ Britain is home to far more ancient yews than any other country in Europe. The [Ancient Yew Group](#) has identified 978 ancient or veteran yews (more than 500 years old) in England and 407 in Wales; France has 77; Germany and Spain just four each.
- ▶ “It’s the tree of life, death and resurrection and it’s known as the tree of life in all cultures across the northern hemisphere,”
- ▶ The tree’s mystical qualities are derived from its ability to regenerate, producing fresh shoots from apparently “dead” wood - such as the staffs of holy men or beams within buildings.
- ▶ The yew can regenerate us too - the anti-cancer drug Taxol is derived from the bark of the Pacific yew - while the ancient trees are home to an as-yet unknown wealth of other life. From [Guardian Article about Yews](#)