

## **Alder Tree**

**Alder trees are a native British tree that like to grow near water. It was used for coppicing. In Ireland you could be punished for cutting an Alder as they said they bled red.**



- **The catkins produced by the Alder tree provide an early source of pollen and nectar for bees and other early pollinators.**
- **Tap the catkins in early spring to see the pollen get carried away on the lightest of breezes**
- **One of our smaller native trees**
- **Catkins (male parts) and Cones (female parts)**
- **Can grow up to 30m high**
- **Likes to grow near water**
- **Alder is the only British native deciduous tree to develop cones with seeds in**

