

The Rowan Tree

(Sorbus Aucuparia)

Beautiful, mystical and visually striking (*in full bloom*) the Rowan can be a sensory overload. A native tree which is as happy growing in gardens and streets as it is in the high mountains.



- **Can grow up to 15m tall**
- **Can live for up to 200 years**
- **Is a hermaphrodite, meaning each flower has both male and female reproductive parts.**
- **Creamy white flowers in May and scarlet red berries in Autumn.**
- **Folklore:**
- **It's old 'Celtic' name is 'fid na ndruad' meaning wizards tree.**
- **It was once widely planted by houses to protect against witches.**
- **Cutting down a Rowan was considered a taboo in Scotland.**
- **Useful Links:**
- **<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/rowan/>**

