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What is 'Witches Broom?'

Have you ever looked into a tree (especially in Winter) and noticed something that look like a birds nest?

These could actually be an infection called 'Witches Broom'



Witches broom is caused by an infection of the tree. This could be caused by a fungal infection, attack by parasites or bacteria in the air.

Most commonly found on Birch trees but can also be seen on other British trees.

The infection causes the tree to sprout new growth to ward off the infection.

Folklore claims if a witch was to fly through a tree on their broomstick, an accidental collision would cause the growth.

