

JUNIOR RANGERS

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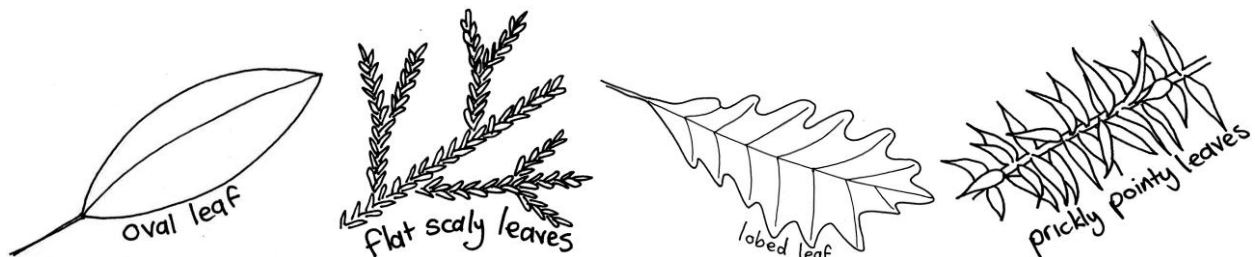
TERRIFIC TREE HUNT

In this activity you are going on a hunt to find out the name and burial place of the original owner's pet with the help of some very special trees.

Mr. Chirnside, one of the original owners of Werribee Mansion, had a beloved pet dog who is now buried somewhere in the gardens. You will get to meet some of the remarkable trees in the garden and using your tree detective skills, you will find out what the names of some of the trees are. These are your clues to help you find the name of Mr. Chirnside's pet, and where he's buried!

Start at the gatelodge and wind your way around to the front lawn. All the trees can be found in this section of the gardens. The "Formal Gardens" Park Notes brochure will assist you with this activity

On this page you will find some information about leaf shapes that will help you to identify the trees in the garden. Each significant tree is labelled, so once you've identified it from the clues on the next page, you can fill in the name in the blanks, then use the numbered key to help you solve the puzzle of Mr. Chirnside's pet. He is buried beneath the last tree on the hunt. If you look closely underneath the canopy, you will find his headstone there.



Some great tree words:

Buttress roots are roots of trees that are found above the ground. They help the plant to stay stable.

The **crown** of the tree is the overall shape that its leaves and branches make. Another word for it is canopy.

Deciduous trees drop their leaves in autumn and grow new leaves in spring.

Evergreen trees don't drop their leaves in autumn, so they are green all year.

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I have a large spreading canopy and **buttress** roots that spread out from the bottom of my trunk. My **oval** leaves are dark green and shiny above, and rusty brown underneath. I have a smooth grey trunk. I am originally a rainforest tree and possums and fruit bats love to eat my juicy fruit

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I like to grow in swampy areas in my native North America, so I have been planted in a low, boggy spot in the garden. I am very majestic, with a wide spreading **crown**. My **deciduous** leaves are **lobed**. I have grey scaly bark and my fruit is an acorn.

_____ W H I T E _____ 2 _____

I am a rainforest tree from Queensland. I have very **prickly, pointy** leaves that are bright green and shiny. My dark brown bark is flaky. I have huge fruit cones that weigh up to 10 kilograms and are the size of a football. Traditionally, Aboriginal people feasted on my nuts at special festivals.

3 _____ _____ P I N E

I am an **evergreen** tree with a cone-like habit. I have large, drooping branches with **flat, scaly** leaves. My thick, grey-brown bark is deeply furrowed. In my native habitat in Vietnam, I am an endangered species.

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To find out the name of Mr. Chirnside's special pet, write the corresponding letters above the numbers:

1 2 3 4

