

Trees are plants that can reach considerable size. There are two principal categories: broad-leaved trees, which grow fairly large leaves, and conifers, which have narrow leaves in the form of needles or scales. Conifers are said to be evergreen because, with just a few exceptions, they keep their leaves throughout the year. Broad-leaved trees are called deciduous, which means "falling-off" in Latin, because their leaves are generally shed during autumn.

Trees that do not occur naturally in a given habitat are called exotic trees. These plants were brought from other countries to fill a specific need, whether it be for construction, timber, firewood or as garden plants with their unique colour and form properties. Sometimes these species can get out of control and are then called invaders. Invaders place an unnecessary burden on our water resources and should be controlled.

