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Trees and hedges in the Fenland landscape

For use in schools on the coast and in the south of Lincolnshire where trees are part of hedges rather than woodlands.

There is a uniqueness to the open fens landscape that showcases wide and dramatic skies. It is not a landscape renowned for trees. However, hedgerows are a feature of this area and are a very important resource for wildlife.

Hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, alder, crack willow and other hedge species can be found in this area with sea buckthorn being found along the coast.

When visiting schools on the coast and in the Fens it will be more appropriate to include a discussion about these species. The planting exercise can be carried out with hawthorn berries instead of pine seeds.

Also mention that ditches and drains, in terms of biodiversity, are the main natural corridors in the fenland landscape and have provided 'wet fencing' for centuries.

Sir Joseph Banks was a pioneer of Fen drainage and many of the drains in this part of the county may have been influenced by his programme of drainage.



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