

The Geography Outlook of the UK

Climate. Weather.
Wildlife.

THE WEATHER IN BRITAIN

In Britain, the **weather** is very **changeable**: it **rains** a lot, but the sun often shines too.

Winters can be **sometimes** cold, with an average **temperature** of 5° C in the south; there is often snow.

Summers can be cool or warm, but the temperature **does** not usually go above 30° C. It is **often** cloudy, and there are **fairly** grey **skies** for days or weeks **at a time**.

Days are **long** in summer and **short** in winter. There is sometimes fog, **but** not so often as foreigners think. British **people** never **know** what tomorrow's weather will be like.

Plants of the UK



Poppy is
the
symbol of
peace



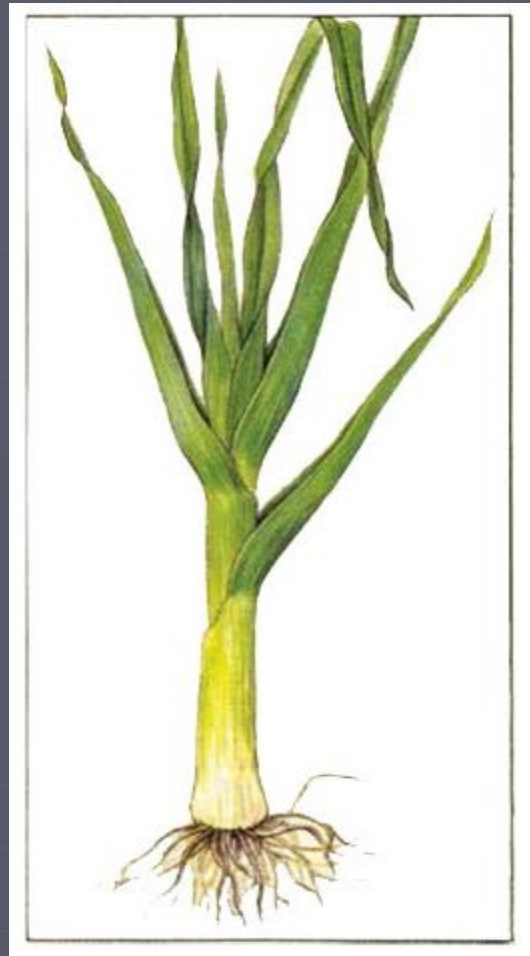
The red rose is
the national
emblem of
England.



The thistle is
the national
emblem of
Scotland.



The daffodils and the leek are the emblems of Wales.





The Shamrock is the emblem of Ireland.





oak



elm

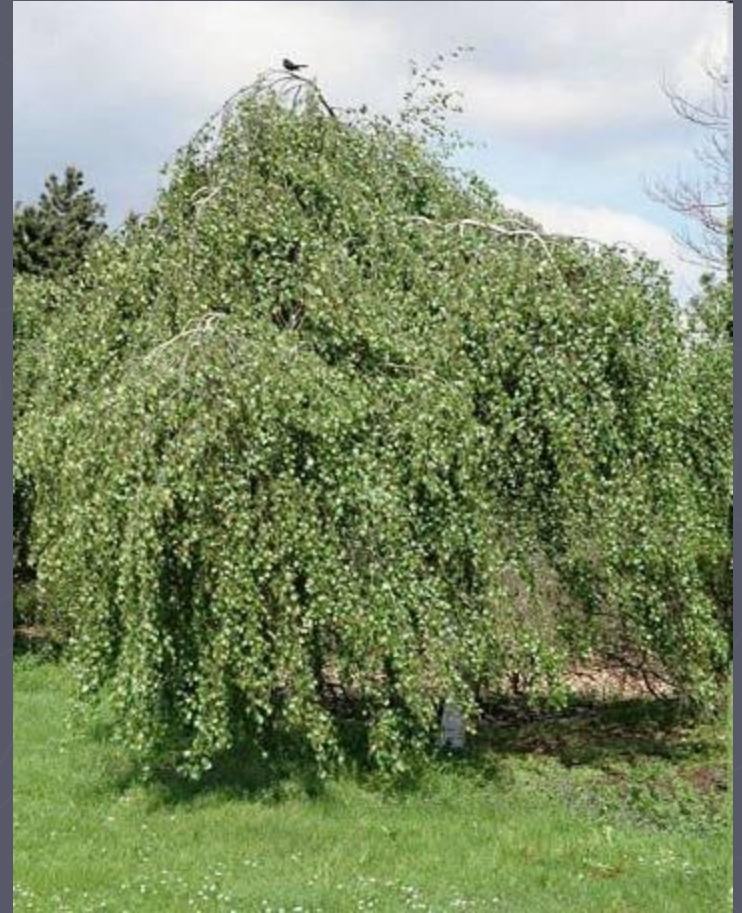


beech



The UK used to be a land of big forests.

Scotland had mainly pine and birch.



The Animal Life of the UK



hare



squirrel

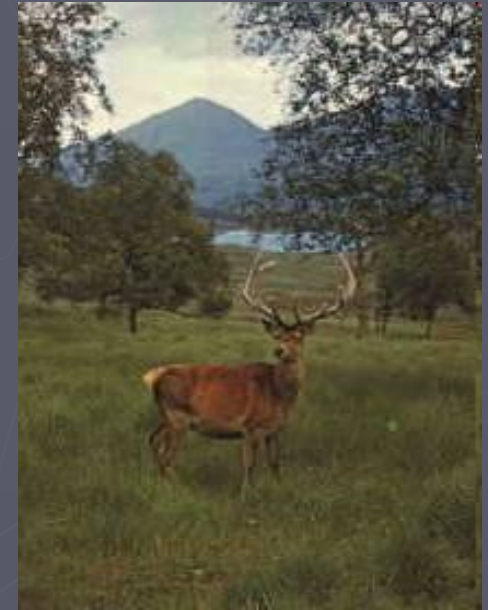


hedgehog



fox

deer



About 50 land animals are found in the UK.

Fox-hunting has been a British tradition for hundreds of years. Specially trained dogs hunt a fox, with men and women following on horseback. The fox is usually killed by the dogs.



Birds of the UK



blackbird

starling



sparrow



Some 230 kinds
of birds live in
the UK.



Robin is the
national bird of
the UK.