

**Submitting a TreeAlert General Tree Health Report**  
**Checklist - data to collect on site**

The Observatree project is encouraging the use of the Forestry Commission's TreeAlert website. We've produced this handy checklist so you know what information to record when you're out and about and spot something unusual:

**1) Location:**

*MUST provide either:*

Grid reference

(two letters followed by 6 or 8 digits)

**OR**

Note enough details that you are able to put an accurate point on the online mapping tool when you are back at your computer:

**2) Note any other characteristics of the location that might help someone locate the tree:**

**3) The number of trees affected:**

One  A few (up to 10)  Many (more than 10)

**4) Their approximate stem diameter (guidance is available here on how to measure diameter)**

Less than 5cm

5-15cm

15-30cm

Greater than 30cm

Mixture of diameters

**5) Has the tree been recently planted?**

Yes  No  Don't know

**6) What is the approximate age of the trees affected?**

Young  Mature  Old

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**7) Broad leaf or conifer?**

Broad leaf  Conifer

**8) Common name**

**9) Species**

**10) Tick which of the following symptoms you can see on the tree/trees:**

**Needles:**

Wilting  Chewed  Discoloured  Defoliation

**Shoots:**

Missing  Chewed  Wilted  Dead

**Branches:**

Dropping  Bark loss  Stripped bark  Teeth marks  Exit holes   
Callusing  Bleeding  Cankers  Burnt  Signs of insect   
Dead  Galls  Signs of Fungi

**Stem:**

Bark loss  Bleeding  Stripped bark  Teeth marks  Exit holes   
Callusing  Galls  Cankers  Burnt  Signs of insect   
Metal (nails/shot)  Signs of Fungi

**Stem base (<1m) / Roots:**

Bark loss  Exit holes  Teeth marks  Stripped bark  Cankers   
Burnt  Galls  Signs for Fungi  Signs of insect  Callusing   
Metal (nails/shot)  Bleeding

**11) Photographs of your observation (a minimum of two photos MUST be uploaded):**

- 1) Affected tree(s) in context
- 2) The problem / symptom in context
- 3) The detail of the symptom.

*A guide to taking good quality photographs is available on the TreeAlert website.*

**Go to [www.forestry.gov.uk/treealert](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/treealert) to complete the online form.**

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