

Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)

Blackthorn is a hedgerow bush rather than a tree. The name refers to the colour of the branches. The leaf is small, the thorns are real!



Blackthorn has black fruit, called Sloes, in late summer, these can be used to make sloe gin! The flowers come out before the leaves. They are said not to be beautiful, I disagree. Unfortunately my Blackthorn do not have berries, I must have a male tree.

