

When you go up our Slovak Mountain....

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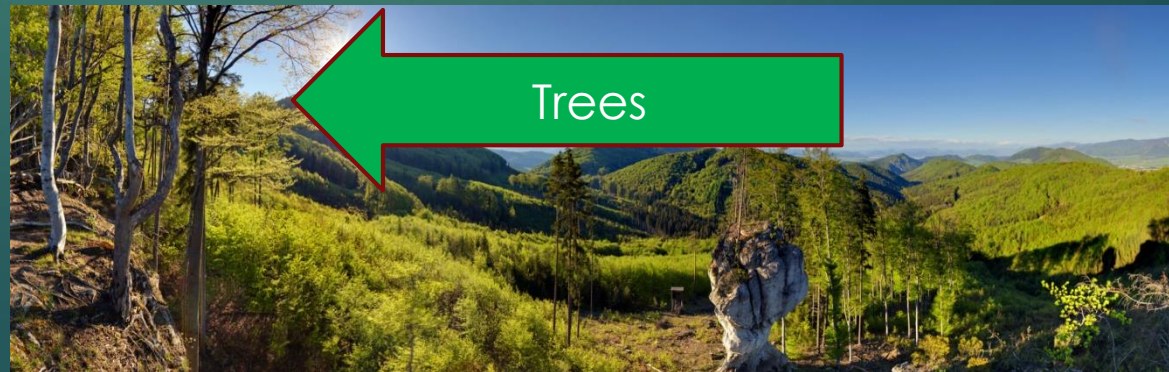
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Do you know what
trees grow in
Slovakia? All sorts.
Leafy and
Coniferous. I was bit
inspired by the book
by the Slovak writer
L'udo Ondrejov
When you go up the
Mountain



Mountains

Forests



Trees

TOPOL'/Poplar

Down bellow the village, grow high Poplars. They are so tall that they protrude above all trees. Sparrows nested in them. When you walk around, you will hear their chirping. Who knows what they talk about? Are they arguing or are they talking? Nobody understands bird language, you just have to listen to it...



VŘBA/ willow

We can find Willows not only in Slovakia but everywhere. It grows in both hot Africa and Cold Siberia.

The Sad Willow is most common in our country. They grow near Swamps and Rivers because their roots love water.

Our ancestors made baskets, whistles and Easter baskets from its wicker. Blooming willow branches-mudbranches- are our symbol of Easter Holidays



AGÁT/Agate

White Agate grows here. Agate is prickly, but when it blooms, nothing compares to its smell. Bees love it and agate honey is very fragrant and sweet. This honey is said to be a medicine for stomach and lungs.



DUB/Oak

Oaks are long-lasting massive trees. However, those around our town near the village of Kokošovce are unique, they are tall and straight. They're extremely hard and waterproof. It was sold to Amsterdam in the past for shipbuilding. The ships of Christopher Columbus were also built from these times. Our winemakers also like it, they make wine barrels from it.



LIPA/Linden

Linden is the most popular tree of the Slavs. Its leaves resemble a heart shape. It belongs to long lived trees, in Slovakia we have lindens that are more than 600 years old. Magical power has been given power to linden wood, especially in the fight against demons and vampires. That's why, it was always planted by our ancestors, for example to cemeteries and Stations. Dried linden flower tea is probably one of the most popular teas in Slavs culture.



BREZA/Birch

Anyone who looks at the birch can easily recognize it. It has a white marks. Its long thin branches are also used similarly to willow branches for decoration and practical brooms. When you make a wound on her, she cries - sap begins to flow from her.



OSIKA/Aspen

When you lie down under the Aspen, you will see that its Leaves are constantly moving. That's why, our ancestors said that Aspen is a symbol of fear and they still said, "It shakes like an Aspen."

Our Ancestors were using Aspen wood to make Shepherds dishes Pots, Mugs, manglers



BUK/Beech

Beech has pale green leaves. When the sun is shining, they turn against it with the edge so that they do not dry out very much. That's why Beech won't protect you. And when it rains, you get wet under the leaves as well. The soil around the hips is often carved by wild boar looking for beech trees. Their wood is used as fuel. Things are also made from it.




MORUŠA/Mullberry

One of our Culture songs starts like this: „ The wooden strawberries are already ripe...”

This is how they called fruits of Mullberry. They are sweet like honey, black, pink and white.

On this tree lives a caterpillar silkworm. When it pupils, a fiber is obtained from which the fabric silk is made. It is most typical for the Chinese, this is real Chinese silk.





Still many other Leafy trees grow here in
Slovakia: Rowan, Chestnut, Maple ...
I would like which of these trees grow in Island.