

IVY AND HONEYSUCKLE

Ivy and honeysuckle are both climbing plants, but they climb in different ways.

When you find some ivy identify the stems, leaves, and flowers. Label these parts on the pictures on this page.



When does the ivy flower?

Some people think that the ivy growing up a tree will kill the tree because it feeds from the tree. This is not so.

However the ivy can damage the tree. How?

Why are the flowers important?

The honeysuckle climbs around trees, bushes, hedges and along walls. Look carefully at the honeysuckle. How does it actually climb?

Honeysuckle flowers are scented. Which insects visit them for their nectar?

Unlike some flowers, honeysuckle flowers still release their scent at night. How can this help bats?

Some vetch plants also climb, although not as high as ivy and honeysuckle. When you find a vetch plant examine it carefully. Look for the tendrils. Gently stroke the tendril and watch it carefully. What happens?

These tendrils help the vetch to scramble through other plants. Why do you think this is important?