

## Jubilee Country Park Nature Trail

# Post 9 in Spring



Bromley High School



# Goat Willow Catkins

Look for Goat Willow trees on the right of the path as you approach post 9. Goat Willow is sometimes called Pussy willow. The male and female flowers grow on different trees. This is a male tree.

The male catkins become yellow with pollen. The female catkins remain green. The pollen is carried from the male to the female flowers by wind or insects.



Goat Willow male catkins



Goat Willow female catkin

## Silver Birch Catkins

Look for purple-brown male catkins hanging down and upright pale green female catkins.

Male and female flowers grow on the same shoot.  
Catkins open in April shedding pollen which is blown on the wind to the female flowers.



Pollination by wind is less reliable than by insects so flowers that rely on wind pollination must produce many thousands of pollen grains.

Silver Birch  
Catkins



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