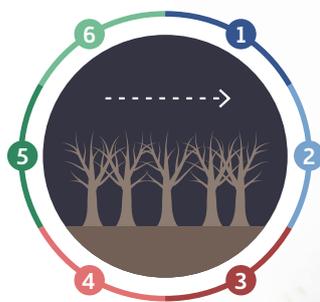
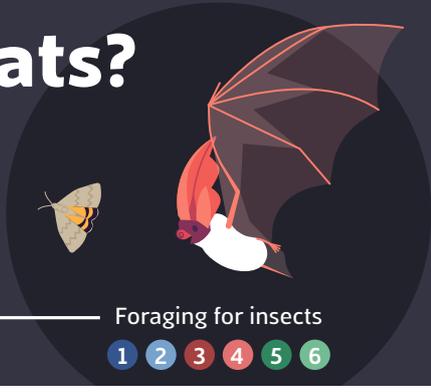


# How are trees important to bats?

Trees and woodland are important to all 18 UK bat species. Many of our bats also make use of the natural features in trees for roosting although this can vary by species and at different times of year.

The colours and numbers represent each bat species.

- 1 Barbastelle
- 3 Natterer's bat
- 5 Pipistrelle (3 species)
- 2 Bechstein's bat
- 4 Noctule
- 6 Brown long-eared bat



As a **navigational aid** especially when trees are in lines or hedges



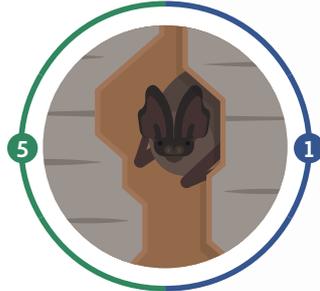
**Feeding perch** or protection during bad weather



Roosting inside **woodpecker holes**



Roosting in **cracks, splits and crevices**



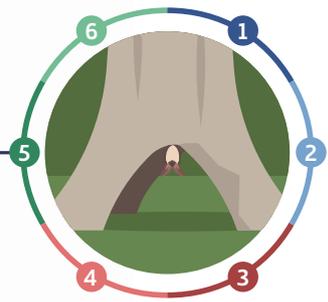
Roosting behind **loose bark**



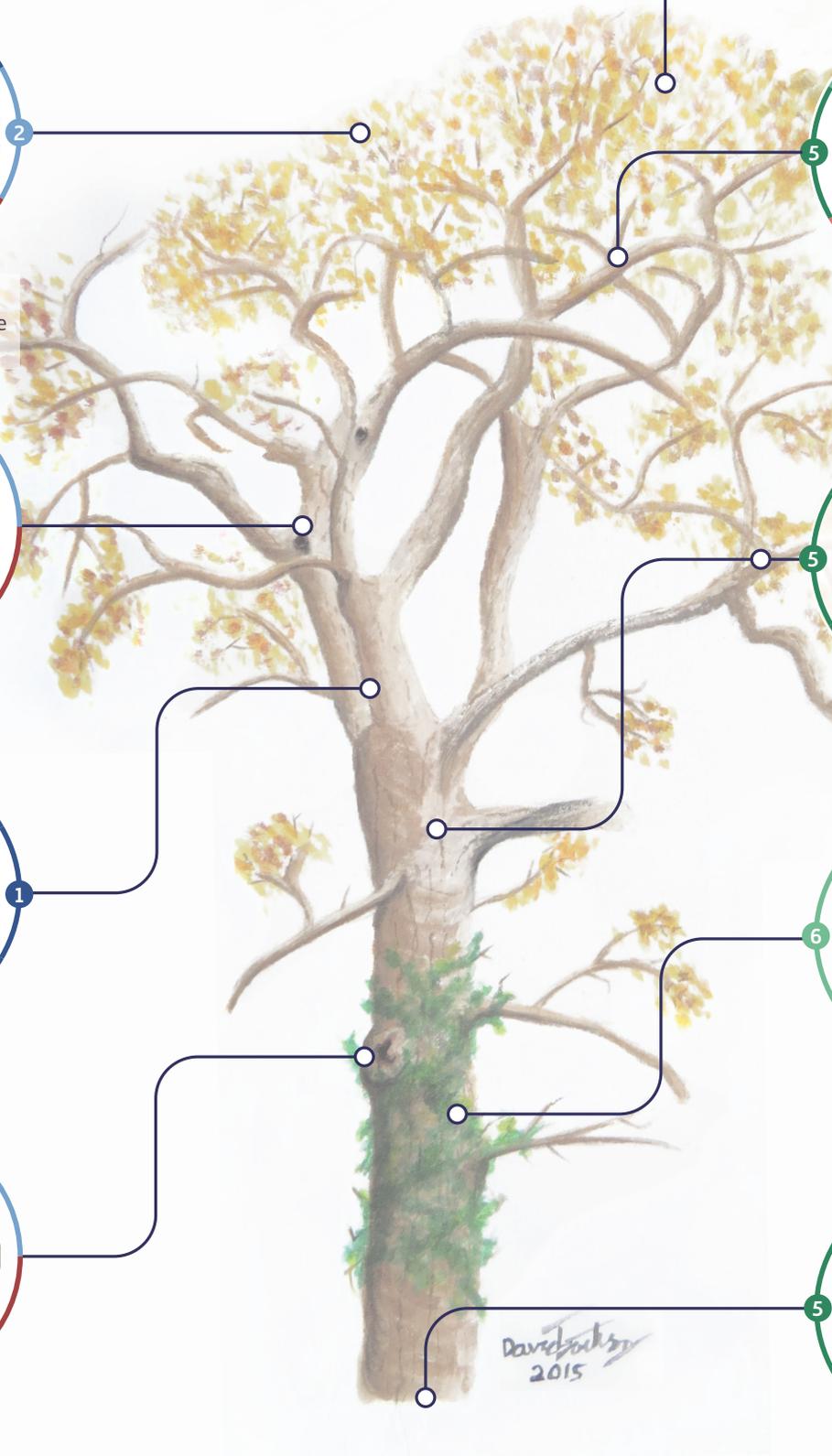
Occasionally roosting behind **dense ivy**



Roosting in **rot holes**



Winter hibernation in **hollow trunk** if frost-free



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