

Free Tree



Pictured: A Welsh family collecting their tree to plant. **Source:** Woodland Trust Cymru @CoedCadw Twitter page.

Every household in Wales is being offered a free tree to plant! The 'My tree, Our Forest' initiative includes giving out 295,000 trees of 10 different native species from November to December, as part of a plan to help fight climate change. The tree varieties available from the Welsh Government and Coed Cadw the Woodland Trust in Wales are: Hazel, Rowan, Hawthorn, Silver Birch, Crab Apple, Sessile Oak, Dogwood, Dog Rose, Field Maple and

Elder. The trees are available to collect from 50 locations across Wales. Ministers say that the benefits of planting trees go beyond capturing carbon; trees help deal with flooding, can reduce stress and increase well-being. Climate Change Minister, Julie James, said, 'Trees are a lifeline to us and all of the amazing life that they support. Where would our birds, insects and animals be without them? Where would we be without them?'



Pictured: The first image of the black-naped pheasant-pigeon. **Source:** Jordan Boersma's Twitter page.

'Like finding a unicorn'

A group of researchers have described photographing a bird not seen for 140 years (that was believed to be extinct) as, 'like finding a unicorn'. The first and last time the black-naped pheasant-pigeon was observed was in 1882. The researchers were able to capture the first-ever photograph of the animal with a remote camera trap set up on Fergusson Island, an island off Papua New Guinea. During the month-long search, the team placed 12

camera traps on the slopes of Mt. Kilkerran, Fergusson's highest mountain, and positioned eight cameras in locations where local people had reported seeing the pheasant-pigeon. The black-naped pheasant-pigeon is a large, ground-dwelling pigeon with a broad tail. Scientists still have lots to discover about the rare bird species and are now working to protect the endangered pheasant-pigeon.

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World's fastest shoes?



Pictured: Moonwalkers – the world's fastest shoes? **Source:** Shift Robotics Facebook page.

Shift Robotics have announced that they have invented 'the world's fastest shoes'! The start-up company, founded by Xunjie Zang, claims that the shoes will help people to walk 250% faster – at speeds of up to 7 mph (11kmph). The battery-powered footwear, called Moonwalkers, are strapped over normal shoes and look like skates, but are reportedly powered by AI and an algorithm that allows users to walk normally without any hand control. Xunjie says, 'Moonwalkers are not skates.

They're shoes. The world's fastest shoes actually. You don't skate in them. You walk. You don't have to learn how to use them, the shoes learn from you.' The company says that the 8-wheeled shoes are 'the first-ever enhanced mobility device that enables you to walk at the speed of a run.' The shoes weigh 4.2 lbs (1.9kg), have fast charging batteries with a range of 6.5 miles (10.5km), and are built to handle rough urban terrain. The shoes are due to go on sale in March 2023, costing £1,177.

Last week's topic:

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Yes, because you travel to different countries to watch the football and while you are there you learn about their culture and food.

Ben

It can teach us skills of sportsmanship, of understanding what happens and what professional footballers do.

Caroline

I think football can teach us so many skills including athletic ability and feet coordination. When I was new at football, I was so clumsy but now I am shooting balls over fences!

Grace

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