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AUTUMN WOODS TREASURE HUNT

The November issue of *BBC Wildlife* is designed to deliver your wildest autumn ever. Head to your local woods to take our Autumn Treasure Hunt Challenge, and see just how many of these you can find.

KING ALFRED'S CAKES



WHAT? A coal-like fungus

WHERE? Fallen ash tree branches

DID YOU KNOW? When dried, lumps can be used as a fire-lighter

SQUIRREL DREY



WHAT? A domed nest

WHERE? In treetops, near the trunk

DID YOU KNOW? Several squirrels may share a nest in cold weather

BURDOCK SEED HEADS



WHAT? Prickly seed heads

WHERE? Edges of woods; hedges

DID YOU KNOW? The plant's seeds spread by hooking onto animal fur

CORAL SPOT FUNGUS



WHAT? A spotty, 'polka-dot' fungus

WHERE? Small branches; twigs

DID YOU KNOW? There are two types, with pink or orange spots

WITCH'S BROOM



WHAT? Shaggy bundle of twigs

WHERE? Birch and cherry trees

DID YOU KNOW? It's a deformity caused by a fungus, mite or virus

HART'S- TONGUE FERN



WHAT? An evergreen fern

WHERE? Shady banks and streams

DID YOU KNOW? This plant looks a bit like the tongue of a hart (deer)

WHITEBEAM



WHAT? Red berries

WHERE? Woodland edges

DID YOU KNOW? The underside of each leaf is covered in white felt

WREN'S NEST



WHAT? Ball of moss and leaves

WHERE? Among ivy or creepers

DID YOU KNOW? The male builds a few nests – his mate picks one

POLYPORE FUNGUS



WHAT? A bracket fungus

WHERE? Rotting logs

DID YOU KNOW? When fresh, it has a purple coloration, like bruises

HONEYSUCKLE



WHAT? Red berries

WHERE? Climbs trees and hedges

DID YOU KNOW? Thrushes and bullfinches love to eat the berries

FIELD MAPLE



WHAT? Leaves and dangling seeds

WHERE? Edges of woods; hedges

DID YOU KNOW? This tree's sap was used to make syrup and wine

THREAD MOSS



WHAT? Soft, cushion-like moss

WHERE? Logs and tree stumps

DID YOU KNOW? It sends up little stalks that release spores in spring

ROWAN



WHAT? Red berries

WHERE? Woods and hedges

DID YOU KNOW? Once planted in gardens to frighten away witches