

WHO AM I?

(1) I am a beautiful, smelling flower plant
Nice in a vase, that's what people want
But in the wild I like to live
Near other shrubs because they give
Coolness for my bulbs and shade to my roots
That's why I love Georgia's woods
My flower is big and colourful too
But if you pick me I feel like: boohoo!
Because then I will die in a day
So please I ask you: let me stay!

(2) About me people feel double
Some say I should be dumped as rubble
Because I am a shrub growing under trees
And when I grow there, I increase
Up to a size of 8 m high
And then under me every plant will die
Because I let no sunbeam pass through
my thick green leaves, what would you do?
Next to that I'm green all year long
In spring I flower sweet as a song
That's why other people are very fond of me
As well as the small one which is called bee

(3) I am a great, green needle tree,
I am a king, just look at me!
When I'm standing in the forest I look very nice
when I'm cut, people pay for my wood a good price
It's used for tables, chairs and doors
And sometimes for 2nd rate floors,
because my wood is not that hard,
and I'm also used for this little card.
I have nice cones which during Christmas look very good
Tell me my name, makes me glad if you would

(4) I am a tree with very long needles and
I can grow highest, up to the forest end
I can grow on rocks and stones like no one else
That's why they call us of all trees the rebels
My wood is used for furniture, quite cheap
It's not very strong but it grows on a heap
we are with two brothers in the park
the difference you can find in the bark
one is black/grey, the other red
tell me my name, or I'll get sad!

(5) You can call me the grandfather tree of the park
I can become quite old and my needles are dark
My bark, needles and berries can pose a real danger
All people have respect for me, even a ranger:
Many think I'm a sacred tree of the woods
And from me are made expensive goods
Because my wood is very nice and strong
But if you eat my berries, you won't live long
Please say my name now very fast
So I can return to my thoughts of the past

(6) My wood is nice and my shiny nuts are eaten
Concerning leaves I cannot be beaten
They are very big, pointy and bright green
And when you're under it, it forms a nice sunscreen
I have white flowers, both male and female
I flower in July and I look then like a fairytale
My wood looks like oak and is very strong
It's used for furniture and remains very long
I appear in the park very often as you can see
So I ask you: what's the name of this tree?

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(1) Lily (*Lilium szovitsianum*)

(2) Rhododendron (*Rhododendron luteum*)

(3) Fir (*Abies normannia*)

(4) Pine (*Pinus kochiana*)

(5) Taxus (*Taxus baccata*)

(6) Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*)