



## T-Rex

Wouldn't it be great if a T-Rex lived in this beautiful garden? Perhaps not. But why have we put this particular creature at this location? Well, the Monkey puzzle tree (or Chilean pine) is

sometimes called a living fossil because it is closely related to a very similar species of tree which grew in pre-historic times. It was introduced to Britain in 1795 and became a very popular addition to gardens in Victorian times. Sadly, it is now considered an endangered species due to logging and forest fires greatly reducing their numbers.

**Do not touch the leaves, as they are very sharp.**



## Activities

Stand or sit silently for 3 minutes and note down interesting things you can see and hear.

I can see....	I can hear.....

Now stand back from the tree, so that you can see it all, and draw its interesting shape.

Look along the flower border. Count how many different shapes of petals you can see.

If there are any insects visiting the flowers watch one for a few minutes. Think about how the flower and insects give benefits to each other.

Find out why the Monkey puzzle tree got this name.