

How are trees important to bats?

Trees and woodland can be important for a variety of bat species. Many species also make use of the natural features in trees for roosting although this can vary by species and time of year.

Below you will see examples of these natural features. The species illustrated provide a visual aid into how these features are used and not the sole species to use that feature.



Foraging for insects



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**



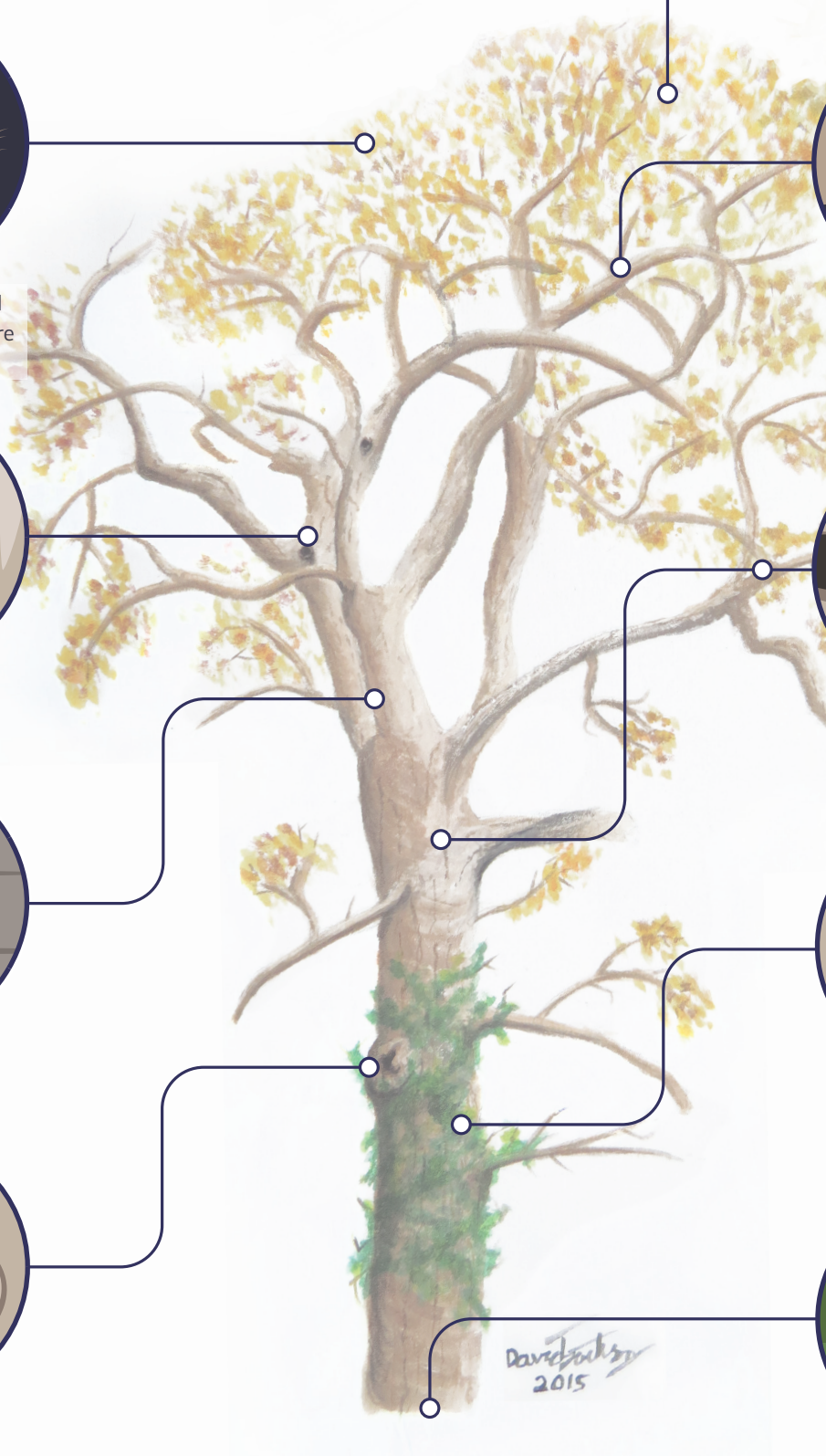
Occasionally roosting behind **dense ivy**



Roosting in **rot holes**



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



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