

# 6 Trees and plants

Reading Hydro volunteers helped restore View Island. They cleared rubbish and planted small trees and other plants.

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## Canopy trees

Most of View Island is covered with trees. The tallest trees include ash, sycamore and crack willow.

The crack willow got its name because its trunk can grow so fast that it splits open under its own weight!

*Can you find all of these trees?*



## Shrubs

Underneath the canopy of the tall trees are smaller trees and shrubs like elder and brambles.

*What summer fruit is found on brambles?*



## Flowering plants

From July to October you may see the Spear thistle. It has purple fluffy flowers. Butterflies feed on its nectar and birds eat its seeds.

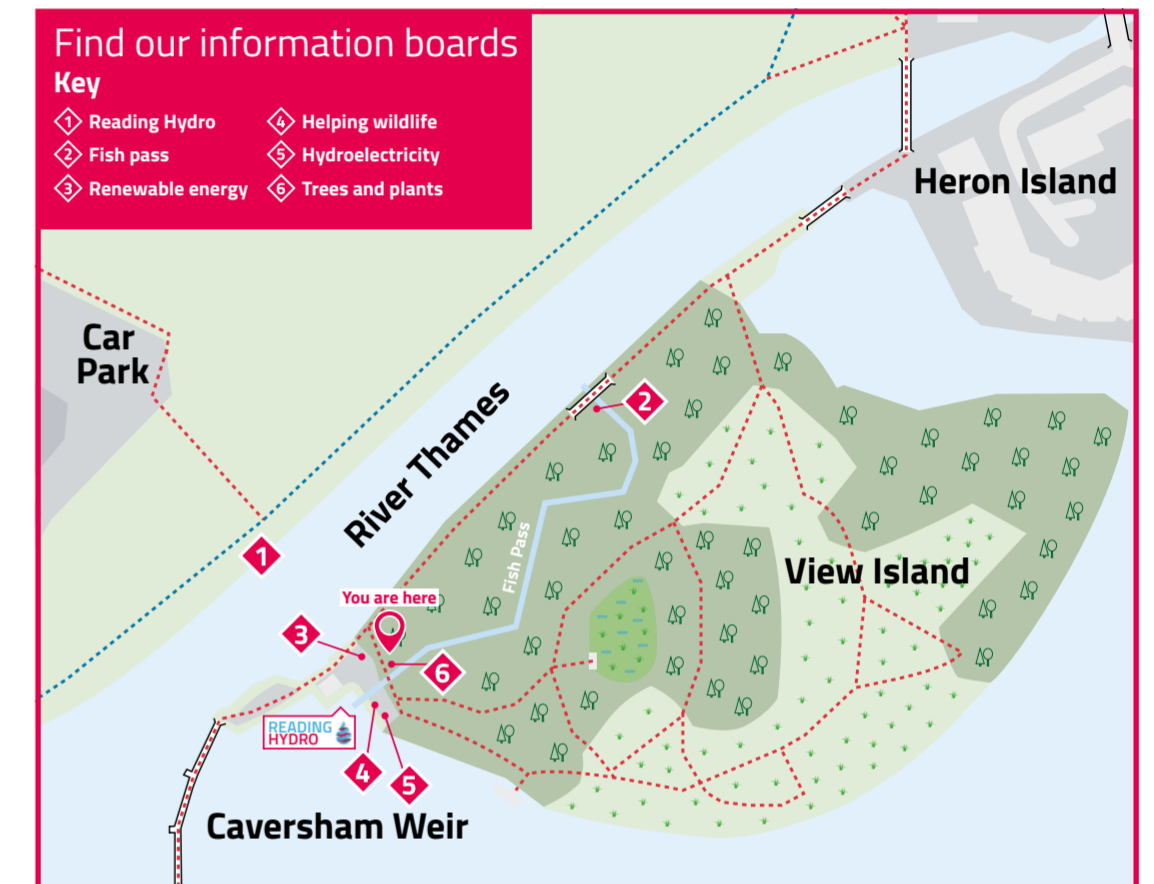
*Which parts of the thistle provide food?*



## Grasses

There are also areas of grassland. These have lots of different grasses and flowers.

*How many different types of grass can you see?*



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