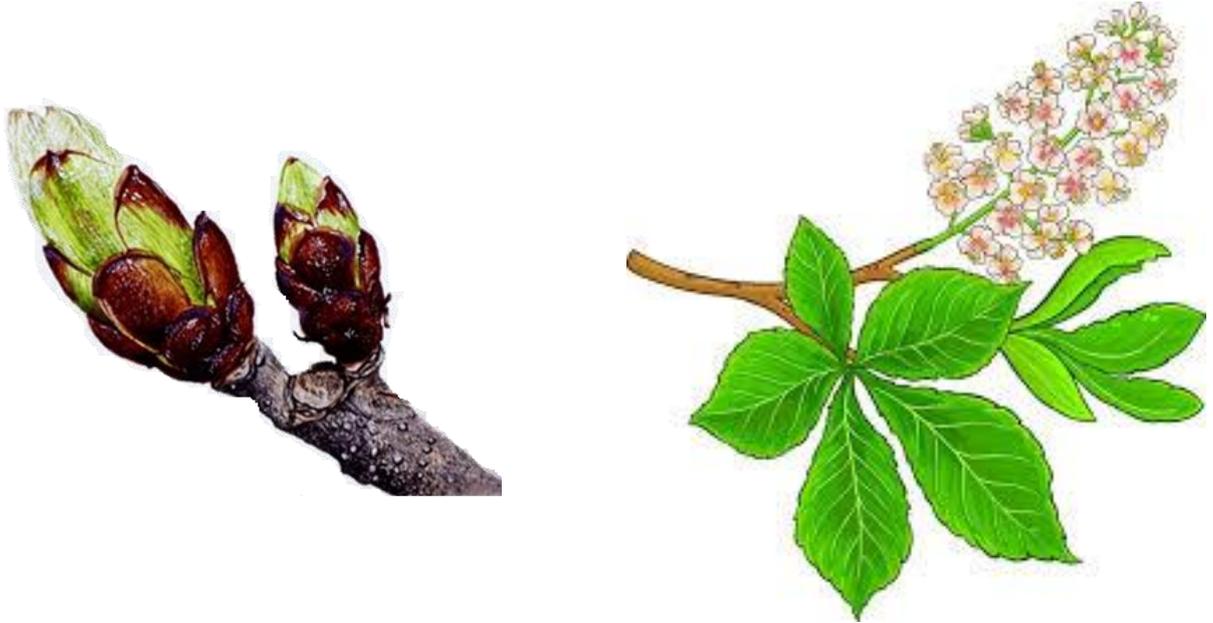


# Leaf buds

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*Be nature detectives in early Spring, a perfect time to watch tiny green leaves peeping out of their little brown coats eager to grow. Can you identify the trees before the leaves grow? Look out for the big sticky horse chestnut buds!*  
*Aileen Fisher, the author, is one of my favourite children's poets. She has written so many charming poems, many like this one inspired by the natural world.*  
**Verse 1: Hold palms together waiting. Verse 2: Slowly open.**



All winter in the tree buds,  
The little leaves lie packed  
With tiny coats of April green  
All folded and exact.

And when the time is ready  
(I wonder how they know?)  
They quietly unfold themselves  
And break and grow.

