

THE OGHAM GROVE ORACLE DECK



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Ogham Grove Oracle Deck. This pack of cards burst forth in just one year which was an intense process. I have created other oracle decks, and on average, they have each taken about seven years to manifest.

The birthing of this deck was helped by the persistent encouragement of my friend, Alan Outten, who has the technical skills to make the cards so beautiful.

As soon as a book is published it becomes out of date, and as soon as an oracle deck is born, it has its own destiny – in the hands of others.

I created this artwork with love, to be a balm upon a troubled world.

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THE OGHAM DRYADS

The Ogham Dryads are the first part of this oracle. They represent the spirits of the trees, and they are the psychopomps, soul guides, of the Ogham Grove.

Each Dryad is a personification of the esoteric nature, and lore, of each tree – its star-lore, mythology, and divinities – and each Dryad governs her own arboreal area of the Ogham Grove (be it a Yew Grove, an Apple Orchard, or an Oak Forest, and so on).

In a reading, each Dryad manifests to walk by your side for a while, or to beckon you to explore their part of the Grove – always with your wellbeing and personal growth at heart.

Hold her hand for a while and listen to her guidance.



BEITH

Birch Dryad

First tree of the Ogham Grove
Beith helps you see clearly through the tangled forest of life, to clear the mental brambles. And to see everywhere as sacred ground.



FEARN

Alder Dryad

Third tree
Fearn helps you make peace with any emotional turmoil that weighs heavy upon your soul. Take time to feel your emotions. Find tranquillity. Find peace.



LUIB

Rowan Dryad

The second tree
Luib inspires you to put energy into your soul's purpose and seeks to kindle the flame of inspiration within you. Let your gift to the world shine.



SAILLE

Willow Dryad

Fourth tree
Saille comes to you, to help you reflect upon your past and your present – all that you have been, all that you are. Remember who you are – love.

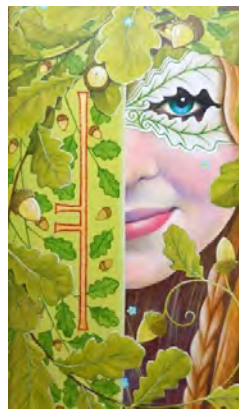


NION

The Dryad of the Ash Tree

Fifth tree of the Ogham Grove

Nion shines on you to empower your self-sovereignty. Step up into the truth of who you are, don't hide in the shadows.



DUIR

Oak Dryad

The seventh tree

Duir sings of the endurance of love, holding all kindred together. Your physical existence is the manifestation of the spirit world, the soul's home and garden.



UATHA

Hawthorn Dryad

The sixth tree

Uatha encourages you to never give up on your dreams. Be true to yourself, your purpose, and your destiny. What is it that you yearn for? Pursue it.



TINNE

Holly Dryad

The Eighth tree

Tinne, the first of the evergreen trees, symbolically immortal, ever-living. Appreciate the ever-flowing river of life, that all moments must pass.



COLL

Hazel Dryad

The ninth tree

Coll helps you expand your knowledge and to be mindful of wisdom and wise actions, to not speak in haste. Your words create your reality.



MUIN

Dryad of the Vine

Eleventh tree of the Ogham Grove

Muin comes to you to seek inspiration from your friends, and to be a good friend unto others. Find your tribe and your gift to help the greater good.



QUERT

Apple Dryad

The tenth tree

Quert guides you to Avalon, your inner world, your unique point of contact with the eternal realm. To the Summerland where all souls are healed.



GORT

Dryad of the Ivy

The twelfth tree

Gort is the second evergreen 'immortal', and comes to you to be in the world but not of it. Binding into unity all the trees of the Grove. Interconnectedness



NGETAL

The Broom Dryad

Thirteenth tree

Ngetal comes to you, to call you home to your soul's purpose. Where do you really belong? What is your true vocation? Do what you love, always be true to yourself.



RUIS

The Elder Dryad

Fifteenth tree of the Ogham Grove

Ruis comes to you with the wisdom of the elders, to contemplate the fruits of your labour and whether you are helping the future generations.



STRAIPH

The Dryad of the Blackthorn tree

Fourteenth tree of the Ogham Grove

Straiph comes to you, with the energy of maternal protection, wanting you to live a fulfilling life. Mother's love.



AILM

The Dryad of the Pine tree

The sixteenth tree

Ailm comes to you, to call you to journey to the realm of the ancestors, to honour your loved ones that have died.



ONN

The Dryad of the wild Gorse

Seventeenth tree of the Ogham Grove
Onn comes to you, to be a guiding light in the darkness. You must trust in spirit even if lost in the dark. Trust the unknown.



UR

The Dryad of the blooming Heather

Eighteenth tree of the Ogham Grove
Ur comes to you to prepare for hibernation, to go inward and plant your seeds of intent for the future you want.



EADHADH

Aspen Dryad

The nineteenth tree
Eadhadh comes to you, with the inescapable truth that our mortal bodies must one day die, that all our ancestors had to, but that spirit never dies.



IDHO

Yew Dryad

Conclusion of the Ogham Grove.
Idho comes to you as a messenger from Nemetona herself. Know that you are an integral part of the whole, that the Grove upholds you.



THE BOTANICALS

The trees of the Ogham Grove are living beings with whom we share a deep, symbiotic bond. They give us oxygen, and we return the gift with each exhale. This cycle is sacred. Engaging with trees is not only physical but spiritual and emotional.

Breathing in their essence can shift our moods, calm or awaken us, and offer clarity. Each tree holds unique wisdom, inviting reflection and transformation.

From Birch's new beginnings to Yew's rebirth, these messages are fluid, personal, and shaped by your journey.

Step gently through the Ogham Grove. Let the trees speak and breathe with you.



BIRCH

Beginnings.

Birch woods are Faerie realms, sacred to Elen, who opens ways to new possibility. Connect with Nature, and she walks with you. Birch tea gently detoxifies.



ALDER

Against Rage.

Alder, used for shields, resists rot – like a bridge over turmoil. It calls for calm in times of emotional upheaval. Silence the storm. Alder bark tea calms a fever.



ROWAN

Bright Inspiration.

Rowan, goddess-blessed and protective, tree of the Aquarian Age, alchemises past struggles into future light. Hope shines. Rowan berries boost immunity.



WILLOW

Life Reflections.

Like a flowing river, events are forever running through our fingers. Everything shapes us. Become peaceful, life is so much easier that way. Willow bark is used for pain relief.



ASH

The Radiant Brow.

Ash holds the Spring Equinox – start of a new zodiac year. Light triumphant over darkness. Stand tall in your own power. Shine. Ash leaf tea for coughs.



OAK

Strength and Endurance.

Every mighty Oak tree was once an acorn. Persistence and time ensure the growth of one's potential. Oak leaf tea is restorative, anti-oxidant, and relieves anxiety.



HAWTHORN

Matters of Heart.

Hawthorn is the tree of the May Queen, the heart's desire, inspires all rites of fertility. It gets your juices flowing. Listen to your desires, be happy. Used for heart healing.



HOLLY

The Eternal Self.

Holly rises above problems, its lower leaves are spikey, to protect itself, but higher up, its leaves are smooth, safe from harm. Connect with one's higher self. Holly helps many ills.



HAZEL

Intuition.

Think beyond illusions, see the outer world as a reflection of the inner. The nuts of this tree, like its wisdom, offer numerous benefits, supporting both body and mind.



VINE

Friendships.

The fruitful reward of working together – business, social, or sacred relationships. Trade and wine celebrate the good things in life. Grapes offer many benefits.



APPLE

Health and Wellbeing.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. Let food be your medicine and medicine your food, embodying golden, youthful vitality. Care for your health.



IVY

Key to the Woods.

Ivy purifies the air, creating a sacred atmosphere. In stillness beneath the trees, its essence soothes the mind, grounding the spirit in calm and clarity.



BROOM

Be True To Yourself

Always follow your heart, for that is when true healing begins. In caring for yourself, you restore the wasteland. Its essence dispels negativity and brings renewal.



ELDER

Preservation.

The wisdom of elders, shaped by life's challenges, guides younger generations through difficulties and obstacles. Seek their counsel. Elderberries offer many benefits.



BLACKTHORN

Protection.

A mother animal protecting her young. Sometimes nature is red in tooth and claw. Its essence wards off feelings of despair and hopelessness. Sloes have many benefits.



PINE

Higher Aims.

Pine holds the threshold between the physical and spirit world. Seek communion with, and guidance from, the spirit world. Your loved ones, your ancestors, are with you.



GORSE

Shelter from the Storm.

Gorse, gnarly and spikey, offers protection to many creatures during harsh weather and the winter. It is also a happy plant that shelters lovers.



ASPEN

A Light in the Dark.
Aspen is the tree of the spirit realm. Rods made of Aspen were used to measure bodies for burial. It is the psychopomp tree, that guides souls to the spirit realm. Used in pain relief.



HEATHER

Domestic Comforts.

Heather signifies a time to 'bed down' and hibernate. A time to eke out your rations throughout the winter. A time to sit around the fire and support one's community.



YEW

Death and Rebirth.
A time of renewal, of letting go of the old, and preparing for the new. Yew helps release what no longer serves your journey. Trust Spirit's guidance through the unseen realms.



THE GROVE CARDS

The Ogham Dryads and Botanical illustrations represent the circumference of the Ogham Grove, the cycle of the year, and the Sun's annual journey along the ecliptic – a concept of external boundary, space, and Time.

The Grove Cards represent sixteen esoteric concepts, ideas, to explore within the centre of one's own Ogham Grove.

The Welsh word, Annwn, literally translates as ‘Inner World’, as in one’s realm of dreams and visions – the source of Awen (Welsh) and Imbas (Irish), poetic inspiration and self-gnosis.

Some of these Grove Card topics are very deep. These following passages focus upon just simple meanings for readings.



THE SELF

First Grove Card

You have been called to Annwn, your inner world, to a new journey of discovery, and reconnection with the spirit world. One's heart has been called to the heart of the grove.



NEMETONA

Third Grove Card

The goddess of the Grove calls for your attention, seeking union, love, and service to heal the land. The Self has connected to the wood-wide-web, and now she sings to be heard.



MYCELIUM

Second Grove Card

Develop an awareness of the interconnectedness of all things, and the psychological threads between kindred souls. Connect with the web of life. Go barefoot.



THE MYSTERIES

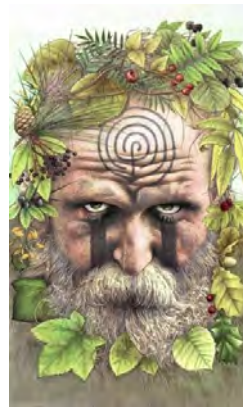
Fourth Grove Card

Gaia spins upon her axis. These seasonal rites of passage are the teachings of the Grove. For Nemetona we heal the land and grow for the children of tomorrow.



BRIGID

Fifth Grove Card
The Exalted One.
Goddess of the
Aquarian Age,
radiant at the
grove's heart. She
belongs to the
Aeon of Now,
endlessly pouring
inspiration into our
Middle Cauldrons.



SYLVAN MERLIN

Seventh Card
'Woodland' Merlin
represents the
wizardry of the
trees and the
cosmos; he
understands the
'Mysteries' of all of
the wonders and
treasures to be
won from Annwn.



OGMA

Sixth Grove Card
Creator of Ogham,
bringer of wisdom.
Words hold power
– to harm or heal.
Ogma's honeyed
speech reminds us:
words shape
reality, sweeter and
mightier than the
sword.



THE CWN

ANNWN
Eighth Grove Card
If the hounds of
the hunt appear, a
quest must begin.
Adventure into
Annwn to the
treasures of Light.
In this deck there
are four, but there
are many more.



SPEAR of LUGH

Ninth Grove Card

The rising light of the hero, the spine straight and true, like the pole-axis guiding to the centre of the stars. Piercing the veils of darkness. Three cauldrons aligned, shining.



THE CAULDRON of the DAGDA

Eleventh Card

How full is your Middle Cauldron? How giving is your heart? The loving-heart gives freely, and it never runs dry. All goodness spirals outward from within.



THE SWORD of NUADA

Tenth Grove Card

Self-sovereignty is the power to rule your inner realm – held not through force, but through peace, kindness, and contentment. Is there harmony in the Grove?



STONE of DESTINY

Twelfth Grove Card

The physical world is the womb of incarnation, where spirit takes form. The omphalos is its energetic heart-centre. Whom do you vow to marry at the centre of your grove?



THE FEGE FIN

Thirteenth Card
Concentric circles forming a mandala for contemplation, suggesting insights and perception gained through meditation. What truth lies at the centre of your stillness?



WEAVE of the FAE

Fifteenth Card
The hidden pentagrams. The interconnected weave, between the seen and unseen, between mortal and spirit, the alchemical union of the self and one's muse.



THE FORFEDA

Fourteenth Card
The evolving lore, the soul's song, your gift to the world. Rooted in the past, with hearts of integrity, we step into the new, *nwyfre* flowing through heart and palms.



ANIMA MUNDI

Final Grove Card
The consciousness of Nature herself, your muse bridges the Self and the Soul of the World – destiny unfolds. Know your muse, know yourself. Be true to both. What will you create?

FURTHER READING



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