The Gaelic alphabet contains only 18 letters. Though there are also some letters with accents, these are not considered additional letters. Each letter of the Gaelic alphabet relates to a tree name and this system was used to teach children the alphabet, much as we use the alphabet song in English. There are differing combinations of tree names between the various versions of the Gaelic alphabet and there is no definitive version.

Here is a rough guide to the pronunciation of the tree names in Gaelic:

- Ailm – al-lim
- Beith – bay
- Coll – call
- Dair – dahr
- Eadha – feh-yah
- Feàrn – feyarn
- Gort – gorsht
- Uath – oo-ah
- Iogh – ee-ogh
- Luis – looss
- Muin – mooan
- Nuin – nooan
- Oir/Onn – ohr/awn
- Peith bhog – pay voh-k
- Ruis – roosht
- Suil – sool
- Teine – chain-yuh
- Ur – oor

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