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Forests are more varied

Dutch forests are becoming more mixed and varied. The seventh Dutch Forest Assessment (2017-2021) found more deciduous trees than conifers for the first time. The assessment was carried out by Wageningen Environmental Research. The variation in species is good for biodiversity and makes the forests more resilient to climate change and disease. That is sorely needed as the dry summers and ash dieback, among other things, are negatively affecting the vitality of Dutch woods.

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