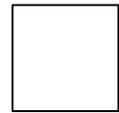


Kids Tree Identification Scavenger Hunt for the Northeast

Eastern White Pine
5-needle bundles; can grow very tall; lower branches are bare or have fallen off; long and skinny pine cone



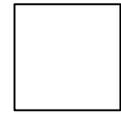
Red Pine
2-needle bundles; can grow tall; distinctive grey and scaly bark; short and fat pine cones



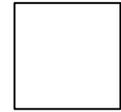
Pitch Pine
3-needle bundles; can grow very tall; armor-like bark with deep clefts between scales; grows in sandy soils



Eastern Hemlock
*can be very tall;
short, fat, and flat
needles with white lines
on the underside;
tiny cones*



Balsam Fir
*A Christmas tree;
soft, narrow needles
with two lines on the
underside; cones grow
up from branches;
crushed needles smell
like Christmas*



Spruce
*another Christmas tree;
sharp, round needles
that can be rolled
between fingers; no
white lines on needles;
cones hang below
branches; crushed
needles smell like
oranges or cat pee*



N. White Cedar
bark is grayish-brown and stringy; needles are flat green scales that don't prickle; little, smooth green cones in bunches



E. Red Cedar
stringy bark; needles are round and prickly, like little sticks; has bunches of white or blue berries

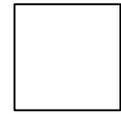


Tamarack
a star or fan-like burst of soft needles



Sugar Maple

helicopter seeds; leaves have 5 arms with points on them and smooth "U"s between the points



Red Maple

helicopter seeds; leaves have 3-5 arms—if 5 arms the bottom 2 arms are small; serrated or finely toothed edges on leaves



Silver Maple

helicopter seeds; leaves have 5 skinny arms with deep notches between them; grows by rivers and lakes

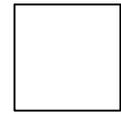


Striped Maple

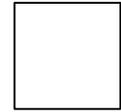
smaller tree; smooth bark with green stripes; leaves are fat with 3 arms and look like duck feet



Northern Red Oak
*big leaves with 5-11
pointy lobes; acorns
taste bitter*



White Oak
*big leaves with 7-9
rounded lobes; acorns
taste sweet*



Bigtooth Aspen
*oval leaves with large,
round teeth; soft,
floating "dandelion"
seeds*

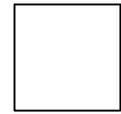
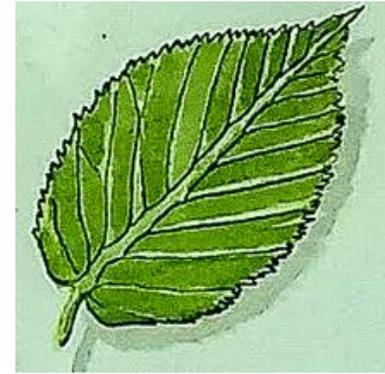


Quaking Aspen
*heart-shaped leaf with
many small, pointy
teeth; soft, floating
"dandelion" seeds*



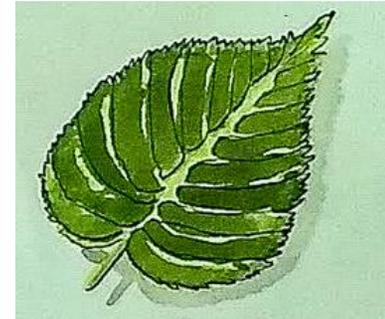
Paper Birch

white bark with thick, wide peeling strips; fat oval leaves with serrated teeth



Yellow Birch

yellow or gray bark with thin, narrow peeling ringlets; oval leaves with serrated teeth and pointier tip than paper birch



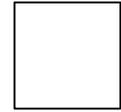
American Beech

bark is grey and smooth, sometimes with white blotches; leaves are serrated ovals; nuts in spiky balls sometimes present



American Elm

leaves look like beech leaves but bark is rough with ridges; its roots sometimes look like "feet" attached to its trunk; can have a vase-shape



Hophornbeam

(Ironwood)

Bark looks like someone glued a bunch of rectangles to the trunk; serrated leaves alternate between large and small teeth; papery seedpod



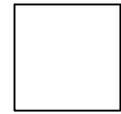
Shagbark Hickory

tall tree with leaves often high up; shaggy bark that peels in long, vertical scales



Ash

bark has a diamond pattern; leaves are arranged with one leaflet at the end of a stem and leaves on either side of the stem (pinnate); twigs come from a single point or from opposite sides of the same branch



Black Cherry

white flowers in spring and cherries in late summer and fall hang from stems coming out of a central stalk; bark is shiny on young trees but looks like burnt cornflakes on mature trees; leaves are ovals with long points and fine-tooth edges

