The Trees Around You

Look around the area you are standing and see if you can identify the different trees based on their different characteristics. Though it may not appear like it at first glance, each tree species is uniquely different. One of the easiest way to begin to see the differences is the leaf. Examine several leaves or needles from the same tree, and try to choose a typical one to identify comparing it with ones shown here. Other identifying characteristics can be the bark, fruit, seeds, and flowers.

TAKE A LOOK AROUND


red maple


sugar maple


amur maple


tuliptree


aspen


norway maple


bassword (am. linden)


serviceberry


zelkova


spruce


honeylocust

SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THESE

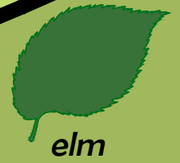

swamp white oak


scarlet oak


chinkapin oak


douglas fir


bur oak


elm


kousa dogwood


ginkgo


sweetgum


eastern larch


redbud


ironwood


bald cypress


golden rain tree

TREE FACTS

The Larch tree is the only coniferous tree to drop its needles every fall

The oldest living tree is a bristlecone pine that is estimated at over 4,850 years old

A shade tree can cool your house as much as 20 degrees, thus saving on energy expenses

Iowa's state tree is the Bur Oak

Fall Color Corridor

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