

FALL LEAF ID SHEET



Beech trees have smooth, grey bark (often carved with messages, unfortunately). In the fall, Beech leaves are golden/yellow on the branch, but turn a darker reddish brown when they fall to the ground.

Beech



Elm leaves can be distinguished from other similar looking leaves by their lopsided base. One side is shorter than the other. In the fall, these leaves turn a yellow-ish brown color.

Elm



Sweetgum is known for its variety of beautiful fall leaf colors. Leaves are star-shaped and can be red, orange, yellow or even purple! You might also want to look out for the spiky "gumballs" that fall to the ground after releasing their seeds.

Sweetgum



If there is a Ginkgo tree near you, you'll probably know it. Not only do all of the tree's beautiful golden yellow leaves fall off at the same time, but the seed pods also produce a bad smelling odor.

Ginkgo



Sugar Maple leaves range from golden yellow to bright red. Other Maple species, such as the Red Maple, sport similar colored leaves that are generally the same shape as the Sugar Maple with some slight differences in number of points/lobes.

Sugar Maple



At first glance, Sycamore leaves can look pretty similar to Maple leaves, but on closer examination you'll notice that Sycamores tend to have wider leaves with less jagged edges than a maple. Sycamore leaves are almost always yellow in the fall.

Sycamore

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Sassafras leaves range in color from yellow and orange to red and purple in the fall, as you can see in the picture. Sassafras trees have 3 distinct leaf shapes: a "mitten," a 3-lobed leaf, and a more traditional pointed leaf.

Sassafras



The Tuliptree gets its name from the tulip shaped flowers it produces in the spring. In the fall, you'll notice its boxy-shaped leaves turn a lovely golden-yellow shade.

Tuliptree



Honey Locust trees boast beautiful and dainty golden-yellow leaves in the fall, but be careful, many of these trees have very sharp thorns you'll want to look out for.

Honey Locust



Black walnut trees are probably most associated with the unripe green walnuts that fall from them in the autumn, but their leaves are lovely too! The leaves are different sizes, but always yellow.

Black Walnut



White Oak leaves are identified by their rounded edges. In the fall, leaves range from the orange-ish yellow in the picture to the left to a deep red as the season goes on.

White Oak



Red Oak leaves are more pointy/jagged than their White Oak counterparts. Red Oak leaves turn a deep red, almost crimson color in the fall.

Red Oak

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