



Identifying Leaves

January, 2006

This pathfinder will be useful to middle school students in finding information about identifying leaves.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *World Book Encyclopedia*, “Tree” and “Leaf.”

Key Resources at a Glance:

- *Trees: A Guide to Familiar American Trees*, by Herbert Zim. (2001) This Golden Guide describes and illustrates in full color more than 140 of our most common trees.
- *Trees of North America; A Field Guide to the Major Native and Introduced Species North of Mexico*, by Christian Frank Brockman. (2001) This premier field guide features all characteristics-tree shape, bark, leaf, flower, fruit and twig-for quick identification, making it a superior choice for trail walks, creating displays, and scientific or commercial needs.
- *National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees; Eastern Region*, by Elbert Luther Little. (1996) This all-photographic field guide provides color photographs of all native trees as you see them in their native habitat.

Reference Background

- *Hugh Johnson's Encyclopedia of Trees*. (1990)

Resources

Books

- *Tree Finder; A Manual for the Identification of Trees by Their Leaves*, by May T. Watts. (1991)
- *Trees of the Northern United States and Canada*, by John Farrar. (1995)
- *Forest and Shade Trees of Iowa*, by Peter J. van der Linden and Donald R. Farrar. (1993)
- *The Trees of North America*, by Alan Mitchell. (1987)
- *Peterson First Guide to Trees*, by George A. Petrides (1998)
- *Trees, Leaves, and Bark (Take Along Guide)*, by Diane L. Burns (1995)

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Identifying Leaves

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Leaves - Identification
- Fall Foliage

Call Number

- 582.16 (Dewey Decimal)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Kids Search

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

Web Pages and Web Portals

- Iowa State University Extension Forestry; An Interactive Key to Common Iowa Trees
www.extension.iastate.edu/pages/tree/key.html
- Leaf Identification
mbgnet.mobot.org/sets/temp/leafid.htm

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

This pathfinder has been provided to you by THE Pathfinder Project and your local library.
Production funded in part by Library Services and Technology Act funds administered by the State Library of Iowa.

THE Pathfinder Project ~ **www.THEpathfinderproject.org**