Tree Identification Keys

CONIFEROUS

LEAVES NEEDLE SHAPED

LEAVES SCALE / AWL SHAPED

- NEEDLES BORNE SINGLY
- NEEDLES BORNE 2-5/BUNDLE
- NEEDLES BORNE SPIRALLY ON NEW GROWTH, IN SPUR CLUSTERS ON OLD GROWTH

PINES

LARCHES (DECIDUOUS)

JUNIPERS/ RED-CEDAR

- FLAT NEEDLES
- 4-ANGLED NEEDLES

FIRS

SPRUCES

DECIDUOUS

ALTERNATE LEAF/BUD ARRANGEMENT

OPPOSITE LEAF/BUD ARRANGEMENT

- SIMPLE LEAVES
- PINNATE COMPOUND LEAVES

WALNUT, BUTTERNUT

- LEAVES LOBED
- LEAVES NOT LOBED

OAKS, SOME HAWTHORNS

SIMPLE LEAVES	PINNATE COMPOUND LEAVES	PALMATE COMPOUND LEAVES
LEAVES LOBED	ASHES, BOXELDER	BUCKEYES
MAPLES		

- THORNS PRESENT
- PAPERY BARK
- FLAT LEAF-PETIOLES
- OVATE-ELLIPTIC LEAVES
- NARROW LINEAR LEAVES
- ROUNDED TO HEART-SHAPED LEAVES

AMERICAN PLUM, SOME HAWTHORNS

BIRCHES

POPLARS

ELMS, CHERRIES, IRONWOOD

WILLOWS, RUSSIAN-OLIVE

LINDENS (BASSWOOD)