

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	ID Fact 1	ID Fact 2	ID Fact 3
Aceraceae	Acer	floridanum	Florida maple	Opposite leaf like Canadian flag, with smooth margins	Sharp pointed terminal buds	Samaras w/ rounded seed in late-summer / fall
Aceraceae	Acer	negundo	boxelder	Variable leaves, some like poison-ivy	Green twigs w/ upside-down V-shaped leaf scar on side	Poor, leaning form, usually found in disturbed areas or on edges
Aceraceae	Acer	rubrum	red maple	Always something red (flower, fruit, twig, petioles)	Maple leaf 3- or 5-lobed w/ toothed margins	Red twig w/ blunt, soft buds
Anacardiaceae	Toxicodendron	radicans	poison-ivy	Leaves of three covered in toxic oil (BE CAREFUL)	Steel wool-like hairs coming out of stout vine (TOXIC)	Naked fuzzy tan-brown terminal buds (TOXIC)
Betulaceae	Betula	nigra	river birch	Peely, salmon colored bark	Growing near water or as an ornamental	Preformed male catkins
Cupressaceae	Taxodium	distichum	bald cypress	Deciduous alternate branchlets with short feathery needles	Butressed base and maybe cypress knees	Round green or brown cones like soccer balls
Fabaceae	Albizia	julibrissin	silktree	Very fine leaflets on bi-pinnately compound leaf	Smooth gray-brown canteloupe rind-like bark, even on large stems	Flat-topped spreading crown w/ hanging 5 inch grey bean pods
Fagaceae	Quercus	alba	white oak	Classic round-lobed oak leaf, extremely variable lobing, no bristle tips on lobes	Ghostly white-gray bark that gets platy when older	Acorns with distinctly warty caps
Fagaceae	Quercus	falcata	southern red oak	Bell-shaped base and scythe-like curve to leaves	Dark furrowed rough bark	Upland site
Fagaceae	Quercus	nigra	water oak	Variable leaf shapes often spatulate, or with small lobes	Dark, tight bark, smooth young forming tight scaly ridges later	Grows on wetter sites, very common
Fagaceae	Quercus	pagoda	cherrybark oak	Bark looks like black cherry on most larger trees	Leaf looks like pagoda if base is held upside-down	Red-orange 5-angled clustered terminal buds
Juglandaceae	Carya	ovata	shagbark hickory	Plates on older trees curl out enough to get a squirrel's head stuck	Football shaped terminal buds	Five leaflets w/ the terminal three noticeably larger
Magnoliaceae	Magnolia	grandiflora	southern magnolia	Thick, plastic evergreen leaves (shake it, sounds like plastic)	Giant showy flowers in spring, odd hand-grenade fruit in fall	Just look at it
Pinaceae	Pinus	taeda	loblolly pine	Common plantation species (in rows)	Cones most heavily armed, greyish	Needles usually 5 - 9 inches long, almost always in 3's
Ulmaceae	Celtis	laevigata	sugarberry	Warts on otherwise grey-white smooth bark	W-shaped veins on leaf back	Orange or purple fruits, often also has woody galls