

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Pronunciation (Family)	Pronunciation (Genus)	Pronunciation (Species)
Aceraceae	Acer	floridanum	Florida maple	as-er-Ã-sê-ê	Ã-ser	FLÔ-ri-dâ-num
Aceraceae	Acer	negundo	boxelder	as-er-Ã-sê-ê	Ã-ser	nu-GOON-dô
Aceraceae	Acer	rubrum	red maple	as-er-Ã-sê-ê	Ã-ser	RUB-rum
Anacardiaceae	Toxicodendron	radicans	poison-ivy	an-u-kâr-di-Ã-sê-ê	tok-si-KÔ-din-dron	rad-l-cans
Betulaceae	Betula	nigra	river birch	bet-û-LÃ-sê-ê	BET-û-lu	NÎ-gru
Cupressaceae	Taxodium	distichum	bald cypress	kû-pres-Ã-sê-ê	TAK-sô-dê-um	dis-ti-KUM
Fabaceae	Albizia	julibrissin	silk tree	fa-BÃ-sê-ê	al-biz-Ê-u	joo-lê-BRIS-in
Fagaceae	Quercus	alba	white oak	fu-GÃ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	AL-bu
Fagaceae	Quercus	falcata	southern red oak	fu-GÃ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	fal-KÃ-tu
Fagaceae	Quercus	nigra	water oak	fu-GÃ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	NÎ-gru
Fagaceae	Quercus	pagoda	cherrybark oak	fu-GÃ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	pu-GÔ-du
Juglandaceae	Carya	ovata	shagbark hickory	joo-glan-DÃ-sê-ê	KÃ-ri-u	ôv-Ã-tu
Magnoliaceae	Magnolia	grandiflora	southern magnolia	mag-nô-li-Ã-sê-ê	mag-NÔ-li-u	gran-DI-flor-u
Pinaceae	Pinus	taeda	loblolly pine	pî-NÃ-sê-ê	PÎ-nus	tâ-Ê-du
Ulmaceae	Celtis	laevigata	sugarberry	ul-MÃ-sê-ê	SEL-tis	la-VÊ-ga-tu

**many of these are my own interpretations, so they may not be exactly right, but they are close*

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Key to Abbreviations Used

a as in map

â as in dâte

ä as in cärt

e as in bed

ê as in êve

i as in tip

î as in bîte

u as in but

û as in mûte

o as in cot

ô as in bône

oi as in soil

oo as in boot

õõ as in foot

or as in port

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When someone presumes to correct your pronunciation, a knowing smile is an appropriate response.

Listen to others and practice what sounds good to your ear; conviction is important.