

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Pronunciation (Family)	Pronunciation (Genus)	Pronunciation (Species)
Anacardiaceae	Rhus	glabra	smooth sumac	an-u-kär-di-Ä-sê-ê	RUS	GLÄ-bru
Aquifoliaceae	Ilex	decidua	possumhaw	ak-wi-fô-lê-Ä-sê-ê	Î-leks	dê-si-DÛ-u
Aquifoliaceae	Ilex	vomitorea	yaupon	ak-wi-fô-lê-Ä-sê-ê	Î-leks	vo-mi-TÔ-rê-u
Bignoniaceae	Campsis	radicans	trumpet creeper	big-nô-ni-Ä-sê-ê	KAMP-sis	rad-l-cans
Caprifoliaceae	Lonicera	japonica	Japanese honeysuckle	kap-ri-fô-li-Ä-sê-ê	lô-NI-se-ru	ja-PON-i-cu
Caprifoliaceae	Lonicera	maackii	Amur honeysuckle	kap-ri-fô-li-Ä-sê-ê	lô-NI-se-ru	ma-KÊ-î
Euphorbiaceae	Triadica	sebifera	Chinese tallowtree	û-for-bi-Ä-sê-ê	TRÎ-a-di-cu	se-BI-fe-ru
Meliaceae	Melia	azedarach	Chinaberrytree	mel-ê-Ä-sê-ê	mel-Ê-u	az-ed-ÄR-ak
Moraceae	Maclura	pomifera	Osage-orange	mô-RÄ-sê-ê	mu-KLOO-ru	po-mi-FER-u
Moraceae	Morus	rubra	red mulberry	mô-RÄ-sê-ê	MÔ-rus	roo-BRU
Oleaceae	Ligustrum	lucidum	glossy privet	ô-lê-Ä-sê-ê	li-GÛS-trum	loo-SÊ-dum
Oleaceae	Ligustrum	sinense	Chinese privet	ô-lê-Ä-sê-ê	li-GÛS-trum	sî-NIN-se
Rosaceae	Prunus	caroliniana	Carolina laurelcherry	rô-ZÄ-sê-ê	PROO-nus	kar-Ô-lin-ê-a-nu
Simaroubaceae	Ailanthus	altissima	tree of heaven	si-ma-roo-BÄ-sê-ê	ul-ANTH-us	al-TI-si-mu
Ulmaceae	Ulmus	americana	American elm	ul-MÄ-sê-ê	UL-mus	am-er-i-KAN-u

*\*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

õ 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.***