

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Pronunciation (Family)	Pronunciation (Genus)	Pronunciation (Species)
Aquifoliaceae	Ilex	opaca	American holly	ak-wi-fô-lê-Â-sê-ê	Î-leks	ô-PÂ-ku
Araliaceae	Aralia	spinosa	devil's walkingstick	u-ra-lê-Â-sê-ê	u-RA-lê-u	SPÎ-nô-su
Arecaceae	Sabal	minor	dwarf palmetto	ar-i-KÂ-sê-ê	sâ-BUL	MÎ-nor
Cornaceae	Nyssa	sylvatica	blackgum	kor-NÂ-sê-ê	NI-su	sil-va-TI-cu
Fagaceae	Quercus	laurifolia	laurel oak	fu-GÂ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	lo-ri-FÔ-lê-u
Fagaceae	Quercus	lyrata	overcup oak	fu-GÂ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	li-ra-TU
Fagaceae	Quercus	phellos	willow oak	fu-GÂ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	FEL-los
Fagaceae	Quercus	similis	bottomland post oak	fu-GÂ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	SI-mi-lis
Lauraceae	Lindera	benzoin	northern spicebush	lor-Â-sê-ê	lin-DÊ-ru	BEN-zô-in
Oleaceae	Fraxinus	caroliniana	Carolina ash	ô-lê-Â-sê-ê	FRAK-si-nus	kar-Ô-lin-ê-a-nu
Rosaceae	Crataegus	spp.	hawthorn	rô-ZÂ-sê-ê	KRU-tâ-gus	es-PÊ-pê
Rosaceae	Rubus	spp.	blackberry	rô-ZÂ-sê-ê	ROO-bus	es-PÊ-pê
Symplocaceae	Symplocos	tinctoria	common sweetleaf	sim-plô-KÂ-sê-ê	sim-plô-KÔS	tink-TÔ-rê-u
Tiliaceae	Tilia	americana var. caroliniana	Carolina basswood	ti-lê-Â-sê-ê	ti-lê-U	am-er-i-KAN-u var kar-Ô-lin-ê-a-nu

**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	î as in tip	o as in cot
â as in dâte	î as in bîte	ô as in bône
ä as in cärt		oi as in soil
	u as in but	oo as in boot
e as in bed	û as in mûte	õõ as in foot
ê as in êve		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.