

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Pronunciation (Family)	Pronunciation (Genus)	Pronunciation (Species)
Aceraceae	Acer	palmatum	Japanese maple	as-er-Ã-sê-ê	Ã-ser	pal-MÃ-tum
Anacardiaceae	Pistacia	chinensis	Chinese pistache	an-u-kär-di-Ã-sê-ê	pê-STA-shê-u	CHÎ-nen-sis
Berberidaceae	Nandina	domestica	sacred bamboo	ber-ber-i-DÃ-sê-ê	nän-DÊ-nu	dô-mes-TI-ku
Cupressaceae	Cunninghamia	lanceolata	Chinese fir	kû-pres-Ã-sê-ê	kun-ing-HÃ-mê-u	lan-cê-Ô-lâ-tu
Fagaceae	Castanea	mollissima	Chinese chestnut	fu-GÃ-sê-ê	kas-tan-Ê-u	mô-lis-Ê-mu
Fagaceae	Quercus	muehlenbergii	chinkapin oak	fu-GÃ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	mû-len-BER-gê-î
Fagaceae	Quercus	texana	Nuttall oak	fu-GÃ-sê-ê	KWER-kus	tek-SA-nu
Juglandaceae	Carya	myristiciformis	nutmeg hickory	joo-glan-DÃ-sê-ê	KÃ-ri-u	mir-is-TI-ki-for-mis
Lythraceae	Lagerstroemia	indica	crapemyrtle	li-THRÃ-sê-ê	la-ger-STRÊ-mê-u	in-DÊ-cu
Pinaceae	Cedrus	deodara	Deodar cedar	pî-NÃ-sê-ê	SÊD-rus	DÊ-ô-da-ru
Rosaceae	Pyrus	calleryana	Callery pear	rô-ZÃ-sê-ê	PÎ-rus	kal-er-Ê-a-nu
Ulmaceae	Ulmus	parvifolia	Chinese elm	ul-MÃ-sê-ê	UL-mus	par-VI-fô-lê-u
Ulmaceae	Zelkova	serrata	Japanese zelkova	ul-MÃ-sê-ê	zel-KÔ-vu	SI-ra-tu

Modified from:

Pronunciation of Vascular Plant Genera
& Families of New England

compiled by

Ray Angelo

Associate of Harvard University Herbaria

<http://www.ray-a.com/BotPron/index.html>

Key to Abbreviations Used

a as in map	i 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

Relevant quotes from *Vascular Plant Taxonomy*, by Walters and Keil, ISBN: 0787221082

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