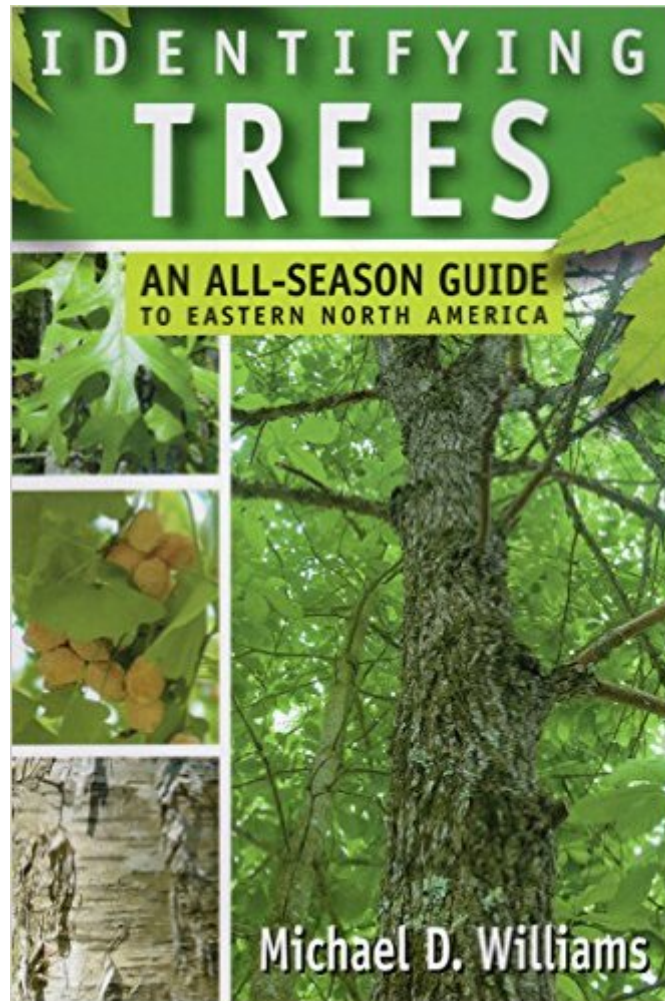


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# Identifying Trees: An All-Season Guide To Eastern North America



## Synopsis

Unique identification guide is effective, filled with color photos, and easy to use in winter, spring, summer, and fall. Field-tested by forestry experts. Identify trees in any season, not just when they are in full leaf. This field-tested guide features color photos showing bark; branching patterns; fruits, flowers, or nuts; and overall appearance; as well as leaf color and shape--all chosen specifically to illustrate trees in spring, summer, winter, and fall. Accompanying text describes common locations and identifying characteristics. Created for in-the-field or at-home use, this guide includes an easy-to-use key that will help you put a name to any tree by flipping only a few pages. Covers every common tree in eastern North America.

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## Customer Reviews

I was really excited to get this book. As I read it my opinion gradually declined. While it is a useful book, I have seen much better tree books, such as Michigan Trees (for those who live in the Great Lakes or Northeast). The book only cover the larger trees, for the most part. Many of the photos are of remarkably poor quality, and they tend not to show many good identifying characteristics. The writing seems disorganized, and the text does not go into detail about reliable identifying characteristics. The ranges given are extremely general. Most of all, I was disappointed to find the book containing errors that seem inexcusable in a guide of this type. For example, the section on slippery elm says "Slicing through the bark at a gradual angle will usually expose thin layers of white inner bark divided by the thicker reddish brown bark, as is usually found in the elms." This is totally wrong: the ABSENCE of white layers in the bark is the feature used to tell slippery elm from the

other elms. The photo he shows are of American elm bark, as can be clearly seen by the light creamy layers in the bark. How can this guide help people identify trees if the author can't even identify them?

I am a forester in TN and have several tree ID books. This is one of the better Tree ID books dealing with SE US trees. And it is a bargain.

This is only my opinion and i hate to look like the bad guy here given all the great reviews but this is my take on this book. I have 2 other tree guides on paper and wanted to carry something digital on my phone so going by the reviews this seemed like a good choice but i'm extremely disappointed. The drawings look like a 5 year old made them with a pencil. The pictures are mediocre to say the least. The leaf identification guide only shows you the leaf with a wacky drawing, the rest of the tree info and photos is else where on the book, if any. The quick winter guide is just a list of trees with a very brief description and the pages where you can find them in the book; but it's useless if you are trying to ID a tree because you'd have to use the tree identification guide at a time when most trees have no leaves. I had to use my 2 other books to get some references of a fallen tree in the park in hopes that i could get positive ID but this book had significantly less info then any of my 2 other guides... I could go on but i have better things to do. I'm just going to delete it now...

I don't like giving poor reviews, but I have to warn people this is a mediocre guide at best. The reason I bought this book was because I wanted photographs instead of drawings like in *Trees of North America* from Frank Brockman. I lost that book and wanted to replace it with a better one, but this is not even close. In short I will say some pictures are good and the book is useable, but most are non typical leaf samples that are degraded either by poor picture quality, poor lighting, damaged, dead or dormant leaves. Buy at own risk.

*Identifying Trees: An All-Season Guide To Eastern North America* I bought this book because my 7th grader was required to identify 25 tree leaves and create a leaf identification book for his Science project. He was given the list of trees we were to look for, then gather the sample leaves and label. "Identifying Trees" provided a wide variety of basic instruction on the process of identifying trees and their leaves, the most likely location of the trees, and colorful pictures to make identification easy. I loved the book and am happy to have it as an addition to my personal library.

I am a high school agriculture teacher, and part of my curriculum is forestry. I've used this book several times because there are trees I have a hard time identifying. Most every tree I've ever come across is listed in this book. My students even use it for their tree ID projects in class. I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a tree ID manual.

I have a library of plant/tree identification books and this one is a good resource. The images are great and the descriptions are simple enough to be valuable. I also like that it gives an entire section on fall/winter identification of the trees listed. Overall a decent book. However, it can be improved. In particular, it misses on three major points. First, it provides little information on the acorns/nuts/seeds of the various plants, which can be critical in differentiating oaks for example...especially, in the fall and winter after leaves have dropped. I believe it only showed the acorns for one or two types of oaks. Second, it doesn't provide geographical range of species for each tree listed. Of course it is a guide for a "specific" region, but you will find some trees are almost exclusive to the deep south whereas other are located in the far north east. Knowing that two very similar species inhabit very different ranges would be very helpful at a positive identification. Third, I don't like the layout. What was the purpose of separating identification of the same tree into two totally different sections? Would it been too hard to simply look up Norway Maple and have both the summer and winter identification characteristics all in one spot? As it is, you must find the same tree twice and then flip back and forth to compare things like bark and leaves. Please combine the information in future versions. Correct these and you will have a 5 Star, go-to guide that is one of the best.

Great pictures and great descriptions. I wanted to identify the trees on my property and it was very easy using this book. Everyone who guessed about one of my trees was wrong - it was a Tupelo - fancy that!

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