

Identifying oaks, hickories & birches

There are many oak, hickory and birch species native to Minnesota and even more are projected to do well in our future climate. For a detailed list visit of migration potential species by ecoregion visit: <https://z.umn.edu/CRWmigrationpotential>

General resources to aid tree identification

- [North Carolina Extension Plant Toolbox](#)
- [USDA Plants online](#)
- [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)
- *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Northern American Trees, Eastern Region*, by Elbert L. Little (book)

Oak identification resources

- [Identifying the Oaks of Michigan](#) (MSU Extension)
- [Oak Tree Identification Guide: 20+ Species](#) (1 hour video)
- [Field Guide to Native Oak Species of Eastern North America](#) (USFS, 175 pages)

Hickory identification resources

- [Purdue Extension - Forestry and Natural Resources - Hickory search](#) (series of short videos by species)
- [Identifying Hickory Trees Native to Tennessee](#) (24:00 video)
- [How To Identify 4 Common Hickories](#) (7:45 video)
- [Indigenous Landscapes, Hickories of the Midwest](#) (website, common names do not often align with ours; be sure to look for scientific names).

Birch identification resources

- [Paper, Grey, Yellow, Black or River Birch?](#) (website)
- [How to Identify Common North American Birch Trees](#) (website)

Have questions?

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