

Seed Identification Key

- 1a. Fruit is a woody cone 2
- 1b. Fruit is not a woody cone..... 3

- 2a. Cone is smaller than 1" Eastern Hemlock
- 2b. Cone is 1.5" or longer Scotch Pine

- 3a. Fruit is a nut or is round..... 4
- 3b. Fruit is not a nut or round 5

- 4a. Seed is dark and large with many rough grooves and ridges..... Black Walnut
- 4b. Seed is not large and has no rough grooves or ridges 6

- 5a. Fruit is flat or wing-shaped, not pod-shaped..... 8
- 5b. Fruit is a pod-shaped 9

- 6a. Seed is less than ½" Little Leaf Linden
- 6b. Seed is larger than ½"..... 7

- 7a. Seed is brown, surrounded by a dark, spiny or warty capsule..... Horse Chestnut
- 7b. Seed is pale, 1" to 1 ¼" Shagbark Hickory

- 8a. Fruit is flat and circular or oval in shape Siberian Elm
- 8b. Fruit is not circular or oval in shape 10

- 9a. Pod is over 5" in length, dark brown, hairy, curved and twisted Honey Locust
- 9b. Pod is 2 ½" to 3 ½", flat oblong pointed at ends..... Redbud

- 10a. Fruit is long, flat and slender, not a true wing shape..... Green Ash
- 10b. Fruit is wing shaped 11

- 11a. Fruit has dark brown solid wing, 1–2" Norway Maple
- 11b. Fruit has feathery wing and is light in color, 1.5–3" Silver Maple