

1. Yellow Poplar or Tulip Poplar

I have light gray bark with thick flat topped ridges & white furrows. I have a very long straight tree trunk. My leaves have a unique four-pointed shape.

2. American Beech

I have light gray mottled bark that is thin and smooth. My twigs are one inch points that look like a long thorn. I am known for hanging onto my football-shaped leaves even after they turn brown in the winter.

3. Eastern Hemlock

My bark is scaly red brown in color with ridges. My needles are flat with round tips and grow up to a half inch long. I am an evergreen.

4. Rhododendron

I'm not technically a tree, but I am very common in these woods. I have an oval leaf four to ten inches long that stays green throughout the winter. I am found along streams and grow densely to create a thick barrier.

5. Shortleaf Pine

My needles are three to five inches long and I spread my seeds with egg shaped cones. My bark is made of thin, reddish scales.

6. Black Oak

My leaves have lobes that are bristled and pointed on the end. I have dark, furrowed, nearly black bark.

7. Blackgum

I have square blocked bark that is almost black and resembles an alligator's hide. My leaves are pointed on both ends but with more curved veins than the similar Beech leaves.

8. Shagbark Hickory

My most distinguishing characteristic is my shaggy gray bark. I usually have five leaves that grow together on one stem

9. White Oak

My bark is light gray with a pattern of small rectangular blocks. My leaves have rounded lobes.

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Self-Guided Tree Scavenger Hunt



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No matter what season it is, no matter if we have our leaves or not, we are still alive and well, providing important habitat for the creatures of Hungry Mother's woods. It may be harder to tell what we are in the winter, but with a few hints and some investigation, we think you can find all of us hiding in plain sight along the Clyburn Hollow Trail. See how many you can find by matching our names and descriptions to our pictures .



