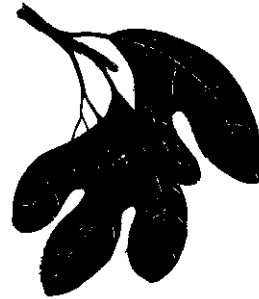
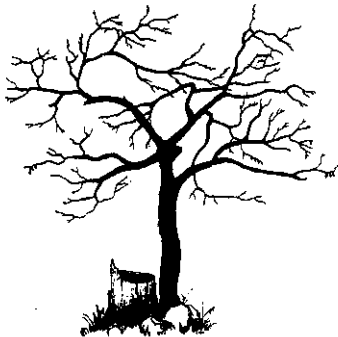


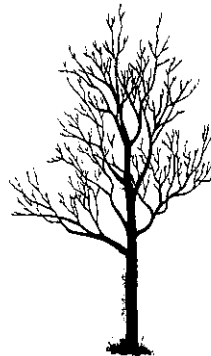
RED CEDAR: This is our only native evergreen growing state-wide on glades, old fields, and lawns. An excellent wildlife tree with blue berries it is often planted as an ornamental. The aromatic wood is used for chests, closets, and novelties.



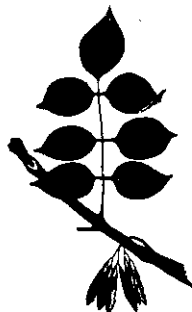
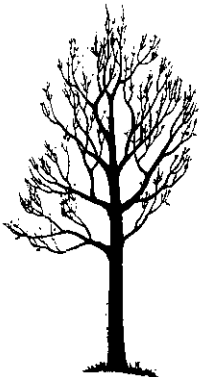
SASSAFRAS: Three different shaped leaves may be on one tree. Leaves turn red and yellow in early fall. It grows in fields and fence rows. Root-beer and tea are made from its roots.



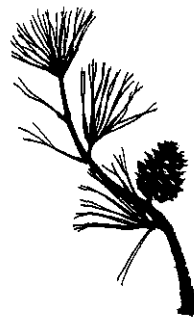
REDBUD: The small blooms are among the first of our spring blossoms. Heart shaped leaves and flat seed pods also identify the small tree.



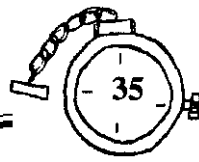
SWEET GUM: Native to the Bootheel, this tree has been planted for shade throughout the state. The fruit is a ball with hooked prickles around it.



WHITE ASH: This is the most common of 4 native ashes. Baseball bats, oars, furniture, and paneling are made from ash. Opposite branching and compound leaves help identify ash.



SHORTLEAF PINE: Our only native pine grows in eastern Ozarks. It is rarely planted as an ornamental. The wood is used for lumber, posts, poles, and pulpwood for paper.



WHITE OAK: Our most abundant and commercially important tree is found in almost every county. Acorns are wildlife food. Wood has many uses from barrels to flooring. Six other oaks are members of the White Oak tribe.

COTTONWOOD: Our fastest growing tree lives near water. Female trees have a cottony seed. The triangular leaves on flat stems blow from side to side. Kite and popsickle sticks, baskets, and matches are made from this light wood.



RED OAK: This tribe of oaks (17 species) has points on the tips and lobes of its leaves. Important for wildlife and man. It makes a fine shade tree.

BLACK WALNUT: The most beautiful and valuable wood in the world is walnut. The nuts are good too. Native to most counties, it should be widely planted.



DOGWOOD: Our state tree is widely planted for its white blossoms in springtime and red leaves and bright red berries in the fall. It is an understory tree of Ozark forests.

SYCAMORE: White branches and golf-ball sized seed heads make this beautiful tree easy to know. It grows near streams, and can be very large.