



TREE ID HIKE!



**ENJOY THE VIEW
FROM OUR WILDLIFE
VIEWING PLATFORMS**

**EXPERIENCE A GUIDED
1.5 MILE HIKE AT
11 AM, 2 PM, OR 4 PM**

**MEET AT THE TRAILHEAD
WHERE THE FOREST &
STREAM BANK JOIN**

EXPLORE OUR
NEW NATURE
PRESERVE & TEST
YOUR TREE ID!



Test your Tree ID

Get to know the trees at the Prater's Nature Preserve! Ten trees have pink bands and a number on them. See if you can match the choices below with trees along the trail!

- 1.____ My mottled bark leads some to think I am sick, but my plate-like scales of flaky bark are just part of who I am. My leaves have 3-5 toothed lobes (pointed tips).
- 2.____ My bark is thin, smooth and steel-gray. My leaves are toothed (serrated looking), shiny green and are twice as long as they are wide. Each vein on each leaf extends out to a toothed edge.
- 3.____ My cones are 5-6" with spikes on the edges. My needles are in bundles of three and grow 6-9" long. My bark is dark reddish brown and has deep furrows between the plates as I grow older.
- 4.____ I have star shaped green leaves with five lobes (points; occasionally 7). Once I'm 15 or 20, I begin producing a fruit in the shape of a spiny dark brown ball.
- 5.____ My leaves are large and tropical looking, up to 12" long and 6" wide and turn from green to yellow-green in the fall. Red-purple flowers lead to large fruit that is 2-6" long.
- 6.____ My bark has long, strong running ridges and looks a bit like an alligator skin. I have many pairs of leaflets on the stem of each of my leaves. You may see a rounded green husk around my nut shells.
- 7.____ My leaves are in the shape of spear-heads. When I am young, my bark appears to be covered with wart-like bumps; when I am old, the bumps give way to cork-like ridges.
- 8.____ I'm a short tree and can grow as wide as I am tall. My bark is broken into small, four-sided scaly blocks. My egg-shaped leaves are 3-6" and turn deep red in the fall while clusters of bright red, football shaped berries grow on my branches.
- 9.____ My scaly bark has ridges that are broad, thin and rounded. The ridges look like they have shiny stripes running down their center. As I age, crack-like furrows alternate with the ridges. My leaves have 7-11 lobes with a bristle tip at the end of each lobe. The leaves are about 5-8" long and 2.5-6" wide and go from green to red in the fall.
- 10.____ My needles are 3-5" long in bundles of two or three. I have little resin pockets or "volcanoes" on my scaly plated bark. My cones are shaped like eggs, about 2" long.

Choices:

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- (a) Paw Paw, (b) Hackberry, (c) Loblolly Pine, (d) American Sycamore,
(e) Northern Red Oak, (f) Shortleaf Pine, (g) American Beech,
(h) Flowering Dogwood, (i) Black Walnut, (j) Sweet Gum