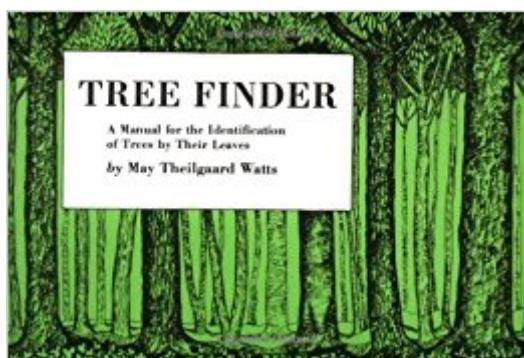


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# Tree Finder: A Manual For Identification Of Trees By Their Leaves (Eastern US) (Nature Study Guides)



## Synopsis

Guide to identifying native (and some widely introduced) trees of U.S. and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains. Organized as a dichotomous key, the book leads the user through a series of simple questions about the shape or appearance of different parts of a tree. Includes 161 species. Illustrated with line drawings. The small (6" by 4") format fits in pocket or pack to take along on a hike.

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## Customer Reviews

To identify deciduous trees (trees that drop their leaves in the fall) east of the Rockies in winter, use Winter Tree Finder. This book is one of the "Finders" series of pockets guides to native plants and animals of North America, which includes similar tree keys for the West: Pacific Coast Tree Finder, Rocky Mountain Tree Finder, and Desert Tree Finder.

May Theilgaard Watts was well known as a naturalist, teacher, writer, and conservationist in her native Midwest and beyond, through her lectures, classes, books, and newspaper column. She was the first to introduce a broad readership to concepts from ecology. In her books Reading the Landscape of America and Reading the Landscape of Europe, Watts pioneered the idea of studying natural history at the landscape level, considering the biological and cultural forces that have shaped the world around us. Her books are considered classics in landscape interpretation and field ecology. Watts created the first Finders keys as mimeographed handouts for her students at the

Morton Arboretum in Illinois. She adapted the dichotomous keys used by botanists, creating highly illustrated keys that amateur naturalists would find fun and easy to use. May Theilgaard Watts led the movement to create the Illinois Prairie Path, the first major rails-to-trails conversion in the United States. She received the Margaret Douglas Medal for Conservation Education from National Garden Club of America, the Arthur Hoyt Scott award in Gardening and Horticulture, and was honored by the Dept. of the Interior and the Audubon Society for her conservation work.

I was required to buy this for one of my biology classes and I am definitely keeping it. My husband and I are thinking of making sure we throw it in the trunk of the motorcycle for our rides. I gave it a 3 because it is not the easiest thing to use, it is confusing to try to follow the "choose your adventure" style and feel confident you are judging it correctly. The idea is a 5, the execution is a 3, but I still feel this is a worthwhile little booklet especially if you are a nature lover.

I ordered this handy guide on a whim, because it went well with another book that I was ordering at the time. I have been consistently impressed with the accuracy and usability of this pocket guide. Great to take along on a hike or, if you're like me, having recently purchased property with standing trees on it -you can expertly divine the variety you are dealing with. It is a tiny book, which is why it is so affordable -once you have one, you'll wonder how you survived without it!

Thanks.

A handy and well illustrated little book. It includes many of the more common (for their area) trees with tiny maps showing their approximate geographical range. A tidy little addition to your nature or plant library.

Simple, accurate, portable. Would supplement with more detailed field guide, but answers needs of 90% of casual tree spotters.

This is a great little book that guides you step by step through identifying trees that grow the USA. The main problem I have been having is in the city, there are a lot of trees around in the city that have been brought in by landscapers and city parks that are not in the book. Probably if you are out in a more natural woods, you will find all the common species of trees that the book catalogs. The book ONLY helps you to identify the trees, so you want to get a book with information about trees to

look them up after you figure out what it is. The size of it is great, fits into a pocket, and has a handy ruler printed on the back so you can measure leaf size and other things. I definitely am glad I bought it.

Very helpful for identifying trees but much smaller than expected. I got this for my mother as a gift and she needs a magnifying glass to read/look at it

I love trees and when I'm walking in the woods or the park I'll often wonder what a tree is, but trying to remember what it looked like or pulling leaves off was not something I was really good at or really wanted to do. This book fits right in your back pocket and is an outstanding source to identify trees that you may not know immediately. Highly recommended.

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