

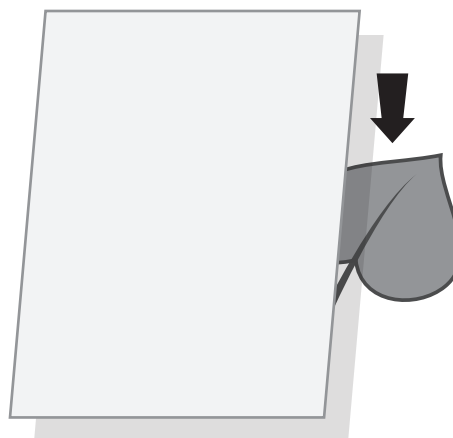


## LEAF RUBBING ACTIVITY

Tree species can often be identified by examining their leaves. Features such as the shape of the leaf and appearance of the margins (edges) can provide clues to what kind of tree it is. Leaves don't last long once separated from a tree, but the activity below can be used to preserve their unique details before they wither away!

### DIRECTIONS

1. Find a leaf with an interesting shape.
2. Place leaf on a flat surface and cover with a sheet of paper.



3. Color the blank sheet of paper with a crayon. The pattern of the leaf beneath will begin to show through!

*Tip: use side of the crayon instead of the point.*



4. Use a tree field guide or online resource to help determine what kind of leaf it is and write the identification on the sheet.





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Species ID

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