

Leaf and Seed Matching!

Grades: 3rd - 5th

Objective: Match the leaves with the seeds that come from the same tree!

Instructions: Cut out the leaf and seed cards along the dotted lines on pages 2 through 6. Mix them up and instruct students to use the clues on the cards to match the leaf and seed that come from the same tree species. Compare the matches with the answer sheet on page 7!



Sweetgum



My fruit is a ball you
wouldn't want to step on

Dogwood



My fruit is red and
forms in clusters

Black locust



My fruit is a long
pea-like pod

White oak



My fruit wears
a hat

Black walnut



My fruit has a thick green husk

Tuliptree

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My fruit has many winged seeds in a cone shape

Sycamore



My fruit is a ball that's a little bit spiky

Red maple



My fruit can fly like a helicopter

White pine



My seeds are found inside of a cone

Redbud



My fruit is a pea-like pod

Seed # 1



My leaf has 4 lobes and looks like a cat's face

Seed # 2



My leaf has many rounded lobes

Seed # 3



My leaf is shaped like a star

Seed # 4



My leaf is oval-shaped

Seed # 5



My leaf has many smaller leaves called 'leaflets'

Seed # 6



My leaf is shaped like a heart

Seed # 7

My leaf has many pointed leaflets (smaller leaves)

Seed # 8

My leaf has 3-5 pointy lobes

Seed # 9

My leaf has a spiky-looking edge

Seed # 10

My leaves are needles!

Answer Sheet

Seed # 1 - tuliptree

Seed # 2 - white oak

Seed # 3 - sweetgum

Seed # 4 - dogwood

Seed # 5 - black locust

Seed # 6 - eastern redbud

Seed # 7 - black walnut

Seed # 8 - red maple

Seed # 9 - sycamore

Seed # 10 - white pine