



# **Activity and Resource Kit**

**Feel free to use and modify any of  
the activities, booklists,**

**City of Harker Heights Parks and Recreation, Activities Center,  
and Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library**



## Trees Booklist for Children's Storytime and Independent Reading

*Albert's Tree* by Jennie Desmond  
*Audrey's Tree House* by Jenny Hughes  
*Busy Tree* by Jennifer Ward  
*Call Me Tree* by Maya Christina Gonzales  
*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein  
*Have You Seen Trees* by Joanne Oppenheim  
*Hug a Tree, Geronimo* by Geronimo Stilton  
*Johnny Appleseed* by Stephen Kellogg  
*Joshua Tree* by Jodi Shepherd  
*The Name of the Tree: A Bantu Folktale* by Celia Barker Lottridge  
*One Small Place in a Tree* by Barbara Brenner  
*Pete the Cat and the Tip Top Tree House* by James Dean  
*Red Knit Cap Girl and the Reading Tree* by Naoko Stoop  
*Science Comics: Trees Kings of the Forest* by Andy Hirsch  
*The Secret Tree* by Natalie Standiford  
*Secret Tree Fort* by Brianne Farley  
*Shake the Tree* by Chiara Vignocchi  
*Tabby Under the Tree* by Gen Baglio  
*There Was a Tree* by Rachel Isadora  
*Tree* by David Bernie  
*The Tree and Me* by Deborah Zemke  
*Tree of Dreams* by Laura Resau  
*A Tree Is a Plant* by Clyde Robert Bulla  
*A Tree Is Nice* by Janice Udry  
*The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City*  
Forever by Joseph H. Hopkins  
*Tree Song* by Tiffany Stone  
*Trees* by Linda Gamlin  
*Way Up High In the Tall Green Tree* by Jan Peck  
*We Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow  
*Why Do Leaves Change Color?* By Maestro Betsy  
*Wingari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter  
*Wonderfall* by Michael Hall



## Autumn Booklist for Children for Storytime and Independent Reading

*A is for Autumn* by Robert Maas  
*Aaron Loves Apples and Pumpkins* by P.D. Eastman  
*Apples* by Gail Gibbons  
*Apples and Pumpkins* by Anne Rockwell  
*Awesome Autumn* by Bruce Goldstone  
*Bella's Fall Coat* by Lynne Plourde  
*Clifford's First Autumn* by Norman Bridwell  
*Fall Mixed-Up* by Bob Raczka  
*Falling for Autumn* by Kim Dean  
*Farm* by Alisha Cooper  
*Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* by Kennard Pack  
*Hedgebugs: An Autumn Hide-And- Seek* by Steve Wilson  
*Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon* by Cynthia Rylant  
*In November* by Cynthia Rylant  
*In the Garden* by Emma Guiliani  
*In the Small, Small Pond* by Denise Fleming  
*Little Kunoichi, The Ninja Girl* by Sunae Ishinda  
*Little Yellow Leaf* by Carin Berger  
*The Maloney's Magical Weatherbox* by Nigel Quinlan  
*My Autumn Book* by Wong Herbert Yee  
*On the Farm, on the Market* by Brian G. Karas  
*Penguin and Pumpkin* by Salina Yoon  
*Pick a Circle, Gather Squares: A Fall Harvest of Shapes* by [Felicia Sanzari Chernesky](#)  
*Pumpkin Day!* by Candice F. Ransom  
*The Pumpkin Patch Puzzle* by Carolyn Keene  
*Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf* by Lois Ehlert  
*Sophie's Squash* by Pat Zietlow Miller  
*Summer Green to Autumn Gold: Uncovering Leaves' Hidden Colors* by Mia Posada  
*The Squirrels Who Squabbled* by Rachel Bright  
*A True Home* by K. George  
*Why Do Leaves Change Color?* By Maestro Betsy  
*A Tree Is Nice* by Janice Udry  
*Wonderfall* by Michael Hall



# Trees

## Rhymes and Songs

### **Autumn Leaves (Sung to the Tune of “London Bridge”)**

Autumn leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down

Autumn leaves are falling down

We like Autumn.

Take a rake and rake them up, rake them up, rake them up

Take a rake and rake them up

We like autumn.

### **Five Little Leaves**

Five little leaves sitting in a tree (hold up five fingers)

Way up high where everyone can see (hold hand and fingers up high)

Then the wind came blowing, blowing by (move hand back and forth)

And to the ground will one leaf fly (change hand to show one finger and have it go to the ground)

Four little leaves ... (hold up four fingers and repeat the rhyme; repeat until no leaves are left)

### **I Plant a Tree (Sung to the tune of “The Farmer In the Dell”)**

I plant a seed, I plant a seed (pretend to hold an imaginary seed and plant it in the other hand)

Hi-ho the derry-o

I plant a seed

Continue with following words and actions:

I cover it with soil (pat seed to cover it with soil)

The sun starts to shine (widen hand to be sunshine)

The rain begins to fall (wiggle hands over see)

The tree starts to grow (make hand grow)

The leaves begin to form (wiggle fingers on the tree)

The tree smiles at me (smile widely)

# Resources



## Videos

Planting A Fall Vegetable Garden- Miracle Gro

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLmTvmiY2cA>

Tips for Fall Planting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6NmnFx99ZyE>

Growing a Tree Vocabulary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeiZGYUwOYQ>

How to Plant a Tree- Either for Earth Day or Arbor Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7NWTpfQ224>

How Does a Seed Become a Plant?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkFPyue5X3Q>

Watch a Bean Plant Grow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w77zPAAtVTul>

## Articles

What Flowers to Plant in the Fall In Texas

<https://www.abchomeandcommercial.com/blog/what-flowers-to-plant-in-the-fall-in-texas/>

What to Plant for a Fall Garden

<https://morningchores.com/fall-garden/>

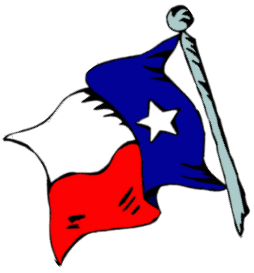
Arbor Day

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Arbor-Day>

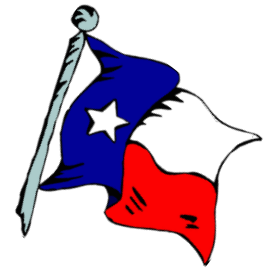
# Parts of a Tree

F	G	R	D	R	B	A	P	S	E	V	A	E	L
G	R	L	O	D	I	B	K	B	E	O	L	E	C
S	B	L	E	C	R	O	W	N	L	L	T	E	T
O	R	G	O	R	O	S	V	R	O	V	W	O	U
L	A	M	W	R	A	T	I	C	B	N	I	B	O
T	N	N	F	P	L	A	C	S	T	E	G	A	R
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L	K	B	T	S	A	E	A	O	L	I	M	B	A
L	A	O	O	R	E	V	B	R	A	K	A	T	C
R	R	E	T	R	U	N	K	S	R	C	E	A	O
A	S	K	H	E	W	S	E	E	D	O	R	C	F
T	E	I	D	B	L	H	E	S	T	O	O	R	K

FLOWER  
 BRANCH  
 FRUIT  
 BARK  
 TRUNK  
 SEED  
 CROWN  
 LIMB  
 BOLE  
 ROOTS  
 LEAVES  
 TAPROOT  
 TWIG  
 SAP



## TEXAS TREES WORD SCRAMBLE



Can you unscramble the names of these 20 trees that can be grown in Texas?

1. AKO

2. LME

3. NPEI

4. AMPL

5. CPAEN

6. PLAEM

7. RICHB

8. UWNLTA

9. MAUSC

10. RDDBUE

11. QEMSTEUI

12. AAGOLINM

13. PIJREUN

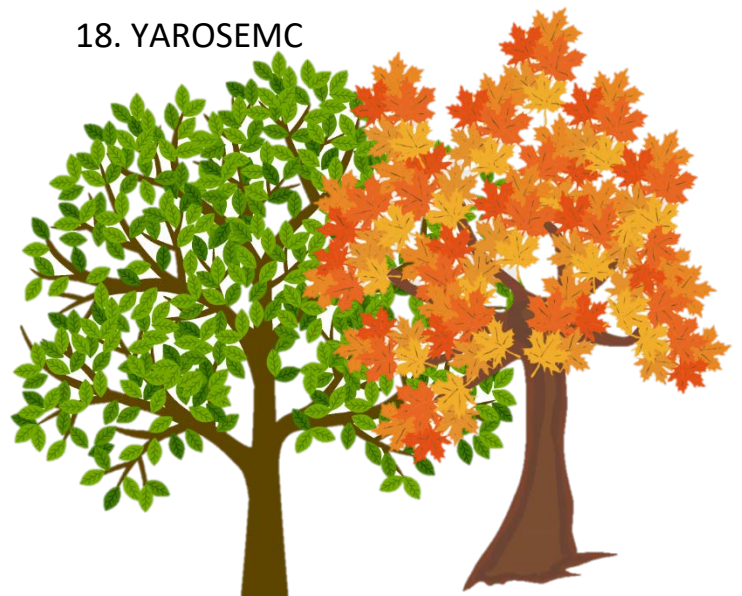
14. RECPE LEMRTY

15. DOOWGOD

16. PARBCALPE

17. GESMEWUT

18. YAROSEMC



Texas Tree Scramble Answer Key:

- 1) OAK
- 2) ELM
- 3) PINE
- 4) PALM
- 5) PECAN
- 6) MAPLE
- 7) BIRCH
- 8) WALNUT
- 9) SUMAC
- 10) REDBUD
- 11) MESQUITE
- 12) MAGNOLIA
- 13) JUNIPER
- 14) CREPE MYRTLE
- 15) DOGWOOD
- 16) CRABAPPLE
- 17) SWEETGUM
- 18) SYCAMORE



# Texas Arbor Day Leaf Matching

Visit the Texas tree database at <https://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/viewalltrees.aspx>

Using the website, can you match the ten common Texas trees listed below to the pictures of their leaves?



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_



8. \_\_\_\_\_



9. \_\_\_\_\_

**Word Bank:**

- Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
- Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- Cedar Elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*)
- Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*)
- Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)
- Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*)
- Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)
- Texas Ash (*Fraxinus texensis*)
- Texas Redbud (*Cercis canadensis var. texensis*)
- Texas Walnut (*Juglans microcarpa*)



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Answer key: 1. Bur Oak 2. Texas Pecan 3. Honey Mesquite 4. Texas Ash 5. Cedar Elm 6. Texas Redbud 7. Sycamore 8. Baldcypress 9. Live Oak 10. Redbud