

NATIVE TREES COMMON IN OUR COUNCIL (DC, MD, VA, & W. VA)

Have you seen these common native trees? Use this sheet to explore your yard and neighborhood and match any tree you find.



Red Oak



Sugar Maple



White Oak



Sycamore



Tulip Poplar

Try Making Leaf and Bark Rubbings!

Supplies: Paper, crayons or charcoal, something flat and stiff for leaf rubbings (e.g. a book or clipboard)

For Bark Rubbings:

- Find a tree outside with cool bark.
- Place a piece of paper against the bark, and rub back and forth with the side of the crayon.
- Make rubbings of different types of trees' bark and see how they compare!

For Leaf Rubbings:

- **Do not pick leaves from trees.** You can make a rubbing with a leaf without picking it, or use a fallen leaf from the ground.
- Find a leaf you like.
- Place the leaf upside down on a stiff object, and place the paper on top.
- If the leaf is on a tree, it might help to have someone hold the leaf down for you.
- Rub back and forth across the paper with the side of the crayon.
- An imprint of the leaf should appear!

CHALLENGE MODE: Identify the tree you are making a rubbing of, and label your different rubbings with the name of the tree it came from!



American Beech

