

Neighborhood Tree Detective

Take a walk in your neighborhood. Can you find these tree signs?



			
Exposed Roots	Rough Bark	Smooth Bark	Pine Cone
			
Dead Tree	Squirrel Nest	Vandalism	Broken Branch
			
Deer Rubbing	Bugs Eating	Moss on Bark	Animal Home
			
Maple Leaf	White Oak Leaf*	Ginkgo Leaf	Black Walnut
			
Knot (lost Branch)	Acorn	Woodpecker	Shelf Fungus

*In 1907, Mrs. James C. Fessler of Rochelle suggested to state officials that Illinois schoolchildren vote for a State Tree and State Flower. They selected the Oak as State Tree. The votes were: Oak, 21,897; Maple, 16,517; Elm, 5,082. Senator Andrew J. Jackson of Rockford introduced a bill making it official in 1908. In 1973, a special poll of some 900,000 children changed the Official State Tree from "Native" Oak to White Oak and the amended bill was signed into law that year. Number of Votes: White Oak 333,964 Northern Red Oak 142,247.

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