

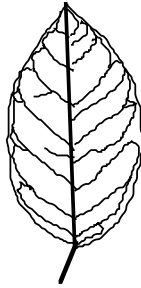
Leaves of trees & shrubs

Oval with **point at tip**



Pond Apple

- tree
- leaves V up from midvein (not flat)
- dark green & semi-glossy
- leaves drop in cold/freeze
- found in pond cypress areas

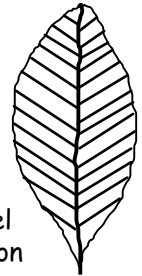


Oval with more **rounded tip**



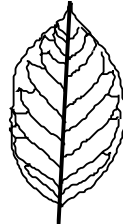
Myrsine

- tree
- fruit, flowers grow directly on branches
- veins on leaf close to parallel
- medium green on top, lighter on underside
- found in pond and bald cypress



Button Bush

- shrub
- reddish stems
- large leaves
- lighter green
- leaves shiny
- plant dies back in late fall and winter
- found in sunnier areas in cypress forest



Live Oak

- tree
- small medium green leaf, fairly stiff
- lighter on undersides
- found in drier areas (in front of Parker Library and behind Plume Hunter shelter)



Red Bay

- tree
- aromatic when crushed
- medium green on top, light green on underside
- galls frequently on leaves
- found among bald cypress



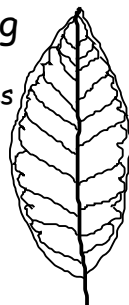
Dahoon Holly

- tree
- small points along leaf edges on close look
- bright red berries
- berries and flowers directly on branch
- found in cypress areas and at north lake



Strangler Fig

- tree
- tips of branches have "point"
- fruit grows directly on branch
- underside of leaf has visible textured pattern between veins
- found among bald cypress



Primrose Willow

- shrub
- leaves run all the way up the trunk
- light green leaves, large yellow blooms
- found in sunny areas in wet prairie and on tussocks in lettuce lakes
- pointed tip, but no more room in other column



Leaves of trees & shrubs

Almost Oval



Coastal Plain Willow

- tree
- fine, evenly spaced serrations (points) along entire leaf edge
- likes to grow in full sun
- leaf more elongated than Virginia Willow



Virginia Willow

- small tree/large shrub
- uneven serrations along entire leaf edge (some longer than others)
- likes to grow in shadier (swamp) areas
- leaf wider than Coastal Plain Willow



Wax Myrtle

- small tree/large shrub
- grows anywhere it can find dry ground and a little light - most common in pine upland
- degree of "cuts" in leaf may vary - some leaves appear almost smoothly oval



Groundsel

- shrub
- grows in full sun in pine or pine/wet prairie edge
- small flowers but noticeable white fluffy seed clusters
- leaf patterns may vary as outlines illustrate

Compound



Elderberry

- shrub-like
- woody, tree-like trunk
- found in open areas
- vine-like when growing among other plants



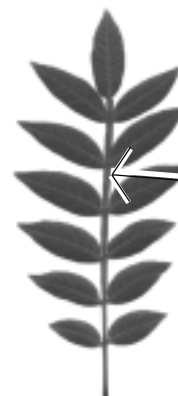
Water Hemlock

- shrub-like
- likes shadier areas
- leaf edges roughly serrated
- trunk succulent like large celery stalk
- bottom leaflets branch into two's and three's



Pop Ash

- tree
- older growth may have more than 5 leaflets and tips may be pointed
- new growth may not have bottom two leaflets
- found in bald cypress areas



Winged Sumac

- shrub
- grows in sunny areas in pine upland among saw palmettos
- name "winged" from leaf-like growths out from rachis (leaf stem)
- distinguished from Brazilian Pepper by having more than 7 leaflets
- turns bright red in fall

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Other shapes



Red Maple

- tree
- stems of new growth red
- leaves don't turn red unless frost/freeze
- leaf shape and size will vary even on the same branch

Nasty Things



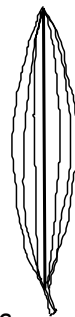
Brazilian Pepper

- small tree/large shrub
- member of cashew family as is Poison Ivy
- leaves usually with 7 leaflets, each coarsely serrated on edge
- dark green on top
- veins light in color and clearly visible



Melaleuca

- tree
- leaf thin but stiff like cardboard
- leaves aromatic
- tree columnar with light whitish-tan paper-like bark
- dark green on top, lighter on underside



Java Plum

- small tree
- large, wide glossy leaves
- leaves opposite up stem
- midvein is light green, sticks up on leaf underside
- stays green, most noticeable when deciduous trees drop leaves

