

GET THE FACTS

# Trees & Shrubs



- ▶ Many trees release warning chemicals when attacked by insects. This alerts trees of the same species to produce more insect-repelling chemicals in their leaves, which makes them harder for bugs to digest.

- ▶ Trees cool down cities and towns by providing shade and transpiring water. Studies show that one mature tree can produce the same cooling effect as 10 room-sized air conditioners.



- ▶ Trees are among the longest living organisms on Earth. The oldest living tree is over 5,000 years old.

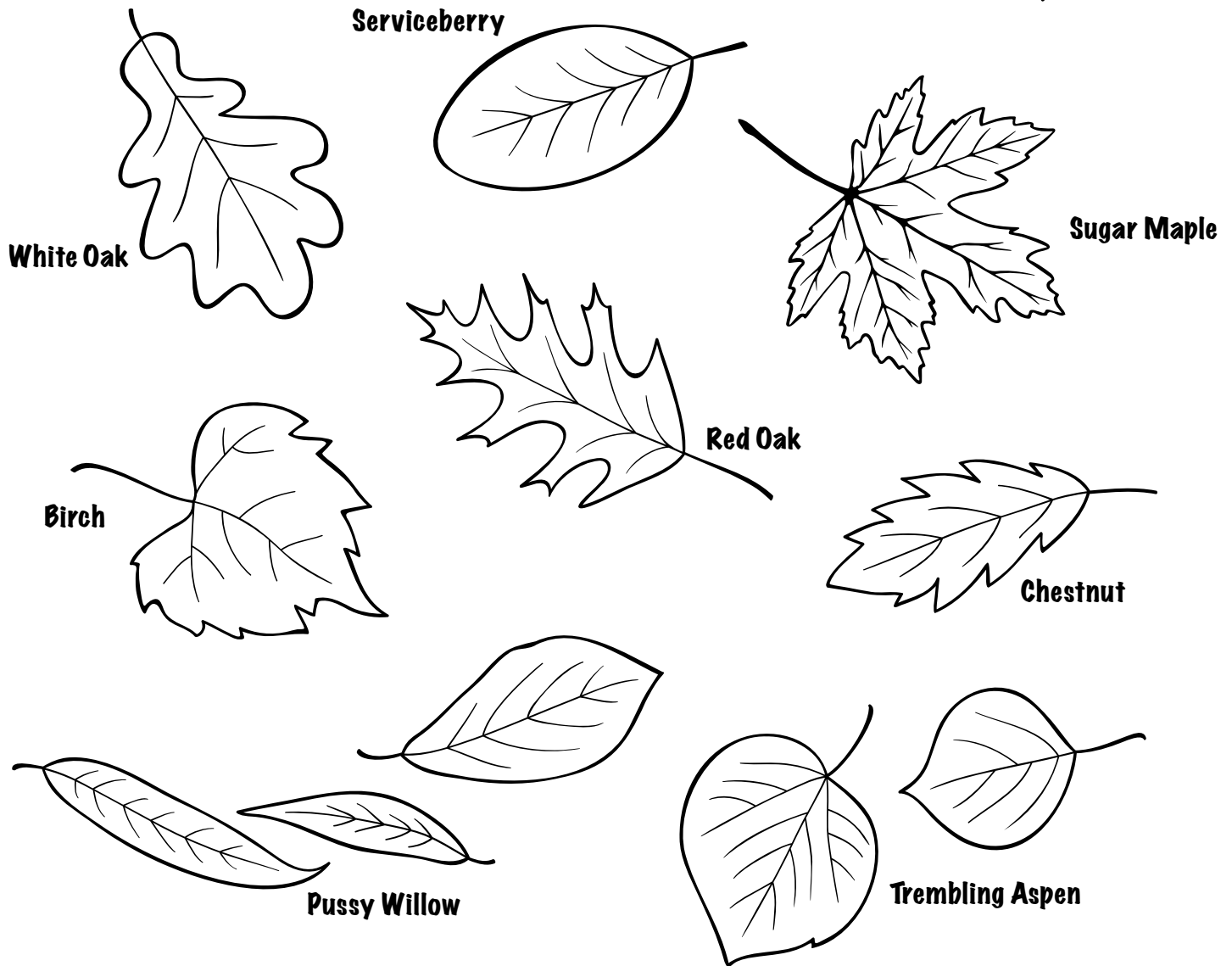
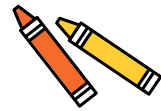


(L to R) White trilliums in Happy Valley Forest, ON; photo by NCC. Darkwoods, BC; photo by Gordon MacPherson. Hemlock forest; photo by NCC.

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# Scavenger Hunt

How many different leaves can you find outside?  
Colour them in as you spot them.



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