

STICK & TWIG

IDENTIFICATION

Identifying trees by their twigs takes practice.

See how good you are at identifying some of our common twigs based on some clues.

When you think you have a guess draw a line from the twig to its name.

Flowering Dogwood

- Twigs are white to pink and very bumpy
- Twigs point upward, like curled fingers
- Flower buds resemble tiny garlic bulbs
 - Opposite branches

Tuliptree

- Twigs are dark brown in color
- Terminal buds look like the bill of a duck
 - Alternate branches

Red Maple

- Twigs are red in color and have white speckles known as lenticles
- Opposite branches

American Beech

- Twigs are thin
- Buds are slender, scaled and pointy and resemble a toothpick
- Alternate branches

White Ash

- Twigs are stocky and thick and gray-green in color
- Leaf buds grow opposite each other along the twig

