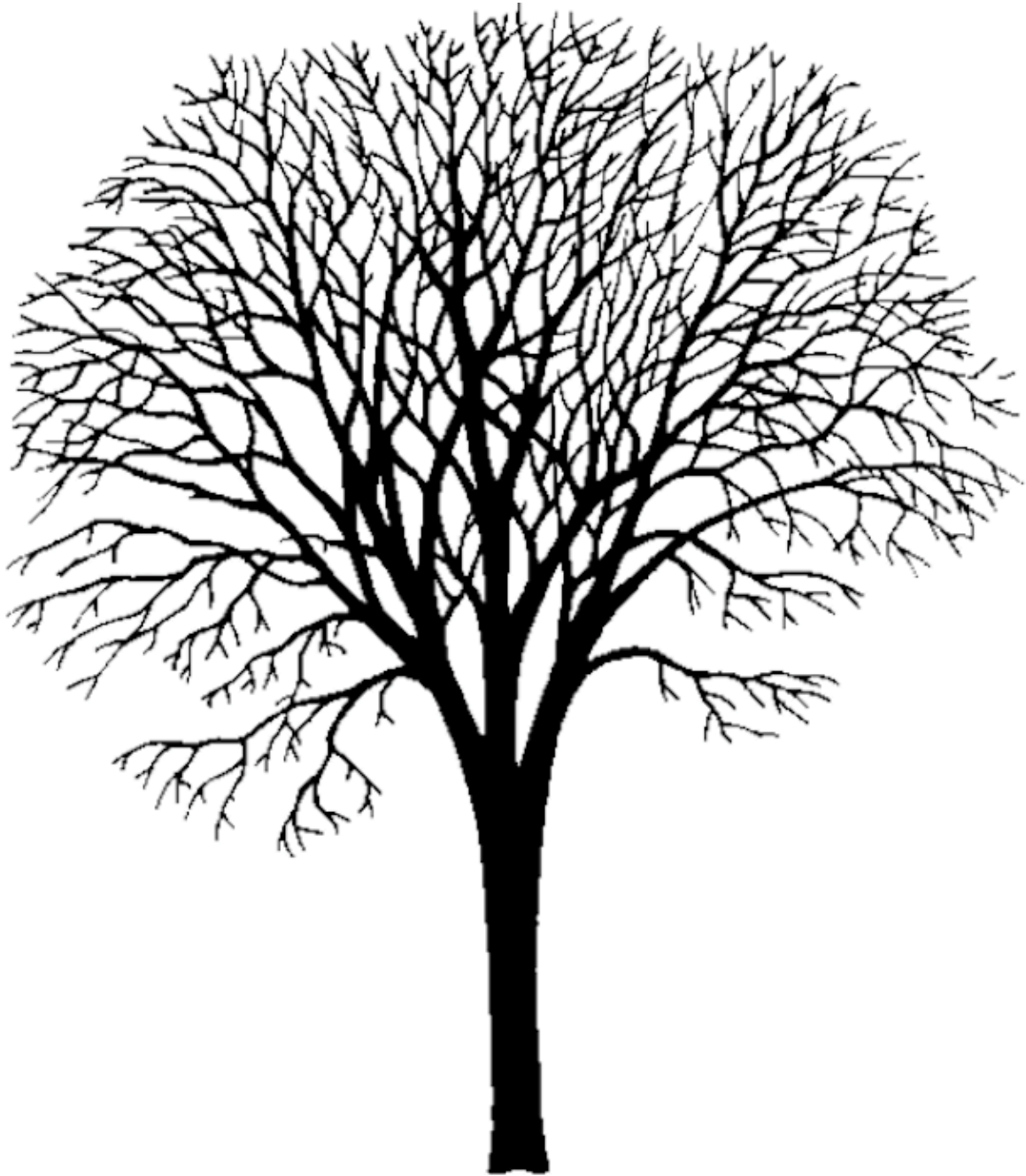


A Guide to the Winter Trees of Mills Riverside Park



Jericho, Vermont  
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## Trees of Mills Riverside Park, Jericho

### Conifers

cedar, northern white (*Thuja occidentalis*)

fir, balsam (*Abies balsamea*)

hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*)

pine, white (*Pinus strobus*)

spruce, red (*Picea rubens*)

### Deciduous trees

ash, white (*Fraxinus americana*)

aspen, big-tooth (*Populus grandidentata*)

aspen, quaking (*Populus tremuloides*)

beech, American (*Fagus grandifolia*)

birch, grey (*Betula populifolia*)

birch, paper (*Betula papyrifera*)

birch, yellow (*Betula alleghaniensis*)

cherry, black (*Prunus serotina*)

cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*)

elm, American (*Ulmus americana*)

hop hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)


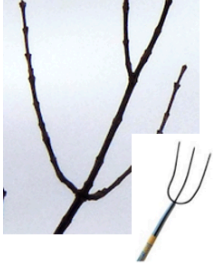

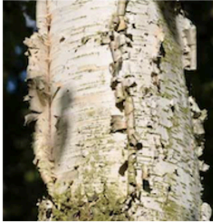



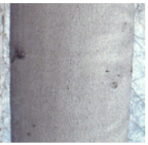



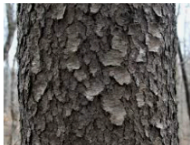




maple, red (*Acer rubrum*)

maple, striped (*Acer pensylvanicum*)

maple, sugar (*Acer saccharum*)

oak, red (*Quercus rubra*)

## Characters for Identifying the Trees at Mills Riverside Park

<b>Branching</b>	<b>opposite (straight)</b> 	<b>opposite</b>  <b>(hayfork)</b>	<b>alternate</b> 		
<b>Bark color</b>	<b>white</b> 	<b>golden</b> 	<b>grey</b> 	<b>dark</b> 	
<b>Bark pattern</b>	<b>smooth</b> 	<b>smooth, chevrons</b> 	<b>ridged</b> 	<b>peeling</b> 	<b>flaky</b> 
<b>Bud shape</b>	<b>pointy</b> 	<b>blunt</b> 	<b>cigar</b> 	<b>big and resinous</b> 	

**Trees of Mills Riverside Park, Jericho**

**Conifers** (leaves evergreen, needle- or scale-like)

- 1. Leaves (needles) long, borne in clusters of five ..... white pine
- 1. Leaves short, scale-like or needle-like, borne singly ..... 2
  - 2. Leaves scale-like ..... northern white cedar
  - 2. Leaves needle-like ..... 3
    - 3. Leaves (needles) pointy, prickly ..... red spruce
    - 3. Leaves (needles) with blunt, rounded tips ..... 4
      - 4. Leaves (needles) borne on a tiny stalk with a rounded base like a suction cup ..... balsam fir
      - 4. Leaves (needles) borne on a tiny peg-like stalk without a rounded base ..... hemlock

**Deciduous trees** (leafless in winter, or perhaps with persistent old, brown leaves)

- 1. Branches opposite ..... 2
  - 2. Branch pairs curved up like the tines of a hayfork ..... white ash
  - 2. Branch pairs straight, not curved like the tines of a hayfork ..... 3
    - 3. Buds red, blunt ..... red maple
    - 3. Buds brown, pointy, like a sugar cone ..... sugar maple
- 1. Branches alternate ..... 4
  - 4. bark smooth, even on mature trees ..... 5
    - 5. bark uniformly grey ..... American beech
    - 5. bark grey or whitish grey, with scattered black chevrons ..... grey birch
  - 4. bark, especially on older trees, peeling, flaking, or ridged, but not smooth ..... 6
    - 6. bark peeling in horizontal strips ..... 7
      - 7. bark golden, peels narrow ..... yellow birch
      - 7. bark white, peels often several inches wide ..... paper birch
    - 6. bark flaking or ridged, but not peeling ..... 8
      - 8. bark flaking, dark colored, like 'burn potato chips' ..... black cherry
      - 8. bark longitudinally ridged, ridges either broad or narrow ..... 9
        - 9. ridges narrow, lifting at their lower ends ..... hop hornbeam
        - 9. ridges both broad and deep, especially on mature trees ..... 10
          - 10. bark more grey than brown, lower branches curving downwards ..... cottonwood
          - 10. bark more brown than grey, lower branches seldom downward curving ..... big-tooth aspen

