

# Michigan Tree Leaf Collection

## **Age Groups:**

Beginner: Ages 7-11

Junior: Ages 12-15

Senior: 16-19

## **Notes:**

- At this time, Michigan Tree Leaf Collecting is not split into age groups for the Cass County Fair. However, the following guidelines are designed for the progression of skills by age group.
- All leaves in this project must be collected by the exhibitor.
- All leaves in this project must be from trees native to Michigan.
- All leaves in this project must be collected in Cass County unless otherwise noted on sheet.
- All specimens should be a branch tip where one leaf is face up and one is reverse side of leaf.

## **Requirements:**

- First year – notebook using study sheets including 12 leaves.
- Second year – notebook using study sheets with additional 12 leaves (24 leaves total).
- Third year and above – notebook using study sheets with 12 additional leaves for each year. Project is to include a poster or 3D exhibit depicting some principles or facts about native Michigan trees.

# Native Michigan Trees Project



Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Project \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

## Michigan Tree Study Sheet

Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Collected: \_\_\_\_\_ Place Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Habitat:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rich Woods      \_\_\_\_\_ Dry, Sandy, Open Areas      \_\_\_\_\_ Swamps, Marshes, Riverbanks

Mature Tree Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Leaf Placement:      \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate      \_\_\_\_\_ Opposite

Describe briefly any flowers, fruits, seed pods, cones, etc. observed:

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Interesting facts or legend about this tree. List any identifying characteristics and common uses of this tree:

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Include leaf specimen on additional sheet.