

Name: _____

Date: _____

Name That Tree!

How do we know which tree is which? There are certain characteristics that scientists look for to help tell trees and other plants apart. Here are just a few questions that scientists must ask:

Is it Simple or Compound?

A **simple leaf** is one that is just one blade and one stem.



A **compound leaf** is one that is made up of multiple blades that share one stem.



Identify each of the following leaves as a simple leaf or a compound leaf:



Maple _____



Black Locust _____



Oak _____



Black Cherry _____



Ash _____



Chestnut _____



Sassafras _____



Sweetgum _____