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LAND TRUST

The activities in this journal can be done on almost any quiet patch of earth in our area.



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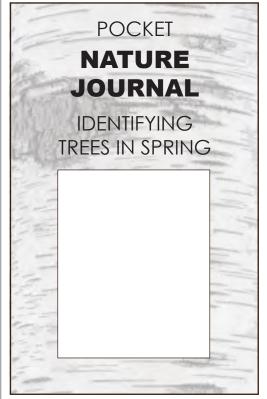
-Mangari Maathai



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activities visit: For additional information and

www.wiltmaine.org/natureactivities



are necessary to produce tood

pud/tree as the leaves they become Note: Don't pick more than one

fucked inside the bud?

gouns: Did you finda ny flowers

compare the numbers.

Do the same with the bud of

Count the number of leaves.

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Pick one swelling bud from a

2bring Buds = Surprise Package

ACTIVITY:

tree and caretully open it.

leaves tound inside.

another tree species and

Smooth/Unbroken: Not peeling, cracked, or furrowed

Ridges and Furrows: Vertical ridges separated by deep furrows Vertical Strips: Strips running from top

to bottom that are at least

three times longer than wide

BARK: We'll Cover 3 Types

BUDS: Leaf/Branching Patterns Alternate: Climb up the branches or buds one at a time **Opposite:** Branches and buds appear in pairs

them by their bark & buds. Using this guide & the resources on www.wfltmaine.org/natureactivities you can too. We will ID 3 trees.

EARLY SPRING TREE ID **USING BARK & BUDS**

In early spring before deciduous

trees leaves unfurl we can identify

Eagus granditolia **AMERICAN BEECH**

Grayish green Bark Color: Silver-gray or

canzeq pl peecy park gizeaze) (otten pockmarks or cankers gark Type: Smooth/Unbroken

cowe to sharp point Buds: Alternate, long, slender,

spaas padays Fruit: Bur filled with two triangular









NORTHERN RED OAK Quercus rubra Bark Color: Greenish brown or gray, with rusty red inner bark Bark Type: Wide, flat-topped ridges run vertically down the

RED MAPLE

tree & look like ski trails; dark,

Buds: Alternate, sharp & tapering

with hairs near the tip, resemble

shallow, reddish furrows

separate the ridges

a crown

Fruit: Acorn

Acer rubrum

Bark Color: Light to dark gray

a tungus times bull's eye target caused by ontward on either side; somestrips; on older trees, strips curl crackled, vertical, plate-like park Iype: Almost smooth to

otten clustered, on red twigs Buds: Opposite, short, red balls,

Fruit: Winged samara

