



Save the Trees!

Tree: Hackberry, *Celtis Occidentalis* L.

Tree location:

Tree number:

Sapling Activity

Did you know that a Hackberry Tree...

- can be anywhere from 50-75 feet tall
- has leaves that are simple, broad, and oval shaped with toothed edges
- itself has a triangular shape when it is young and then becomes round
- can be used for fence posts and furniture
- has berries that become ripe in September and flowers that bloom in May
- has leaves that turn from green to yellow in the fall

Materials:

- The Lorax by: Dr. Seuss
- Lined paper
- Pencils

Sapling Activity

- First I will read the story The Lorax to you
- Then together we are going to think about what we use trees for and what would happen if we cut all of the trees down like the Once-ler did in the story. Although the story is not true, it can relate to trees being cut down in the world today. In the story they were selfish and used the trees for many things, but it was important that they saved them as well and this they learned.
- Next you are going to write a letter to the Department of Natural Resources.
- In this letter you can share with the Department of Natural Resources why saving trees is important to you and the world. Make sure you include all of your thoughts. The letter should be 4-8 sentences long.
- I will mail the letter to the Department of Natural Resources for you. If you would like to you can also draw a picture to go with your letter!

