



Basswood Tree

Seedling activity

Leaf identification

Did you know that Basswood is widely used for woodcarving?

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Iroquois Indians made rope from the bark by soaking it in water for several days; it was then twisted into the desired form.

Materials:

- Basswood leaf
- Poster board or sturdy white paper
- Glue
- Markers
- Ruler
- Tell Me, Tree by Gail Gibbons

Procedure:

- Read the book Tell Me, Tree.
- Collect a leaf that has no holes.
- Cut a piece of poster board that is about 6 inches by 6 inches.
- Glue the leaf on the one side.
- Make five lines with ruler on the back.
- On the first line, write the name of the tree.
- On the second line, write the characteristics of the tree.(color of tree, shape of leaves, flowers, seeds, and twigs)
- On the third line, write the location of the tree.
- On the fourth line, write the date the leaf was collected.
- On the fifth, line your name and date.
- After the glue dries, have your identification laminated.

Now when you go for walks you can use your identification card to identify a Basswood Tree. You can make identification cards for other trees, too.