

Wood You Like to Know About the Ginkgo?

Leaf Investigation
A tree activity for **Saplings**
(Children ages 8-11)



Did you know?

- The Ginkgo tree has been around for 350 million years?
- The lifespan of a single Ginkgo tree is up to 1,000 years?
- The Ginkgo's leaves turn bright yellow in autumn?

Materials Needed:

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Tape

Activity:

- 1.) Fold the length of the paper in half. Fold it in half once more so that it opens like a small book.
- 2.) To begin, look on the ground around the tree for a leaf that has fallen from the branches. If there is not one on the ground, pick one off the tree.
- 3.) On the front cover of the book write the name of the tree. Trace the outside of the leaf with a pencil and color in the shape.
 - Be sure to notice the shape of the leaf and compare it to other leaves you have seen. How does it look in comparison?
- 4.) On the left inside page, put the leaf in between the fold of the paper and make a rubbing of the leaf using a crayon to capture the details of the leaf on the paper.
 - Be sure to notice the vein pattern. What does it look like?
- 5.) On the right inside page, write about the leaf you found. Be sure to include words that describe the size, color, and shape of the leaf.
- 6.) Tape the leaf to the back of the book. Be sure to write your name and the date on the leaf investigation book you have just created!

	Describe your leaf here.
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