What Do You Notice About American Basswoods?

Tree: American Basswood  
Scientific Name: *Tilia Platyphyllos*  
Tree# & Location:  
Age: Seedling (4-7)

You will be creating a picture of the American Basswood and adding 3 statements that you make about the American Basswood.

TRY THIS FUN ACTIVITY:
- When you find the American Basswood, find somewhere to sit so that you can see the whole tree.
- On your blank piece of paper draw the American Basswood. Use your crayons or markers.
- When you start drawing ask your adult buddy to tell you when ten minutes has gone by.
- Now that you have created your picture, move closer to the tree and describe 3 things that you notice about it. For example, is it big or small, does it have leaves, do you see any animals in it?
- Now, write these observations on your paper. Ask your adult buddy to assist you with writing your answer on your picture.

Product: You will have created a beautiful picture to take home and tell everyone about your time in the SMC Arboretum.

Materials:
- Blank sheet of paper  
- Crayons or Markers  
- Pencil  
- Clipboard  

Approximate Time: 15-20 minutes

Hey! Did you know that the American Basswood’s wood is used for charcoal and musical instruments?  

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