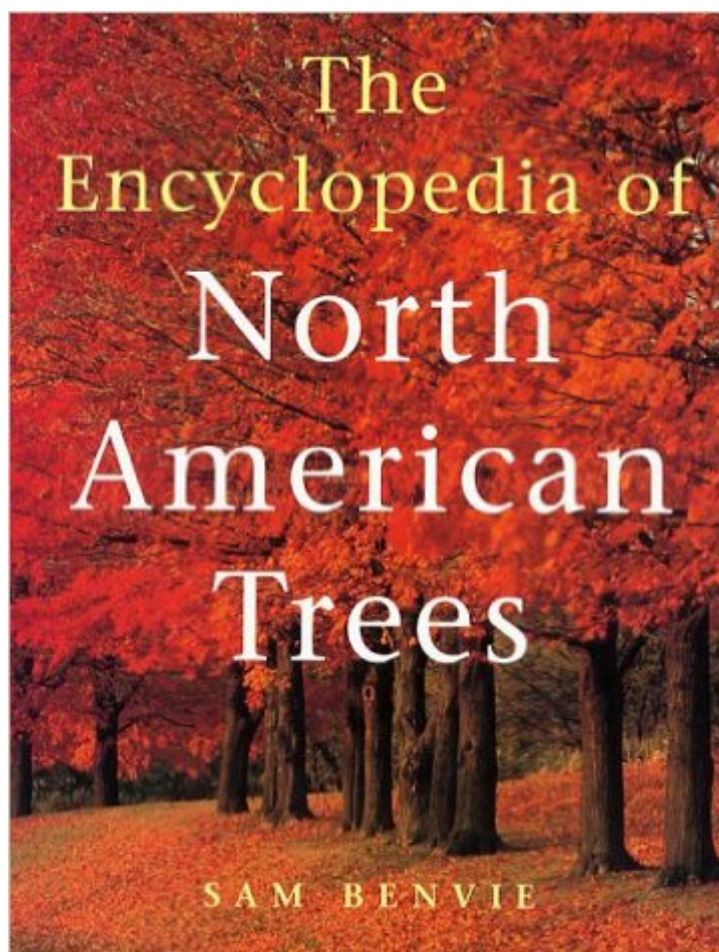


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# The Encyclopedia Of North American Trees



## Synopsis

Gardeners and nature-lovers alike will find *The Encyclopedia of North American Trees* informative and easy-to-use. Descriptions of 278 species, listed alphabetically by their botanical names outline each tree's growing habits, its identifying characteristics, and its place in the environment. This meticulously researched and full color guide is essential for anyone who would like to grow native trees, and for those who want to understand and identify trees in their natural environment. The *Encyclopedia of North American Trees* includes:

- Comprehensive introduction to tree genera
- 350 full color photographs
- Black & white illustrations of leaf shapes, bark textures, flowers, and mature fruit
- Illustrations of tree shapes
- Habitat and growing tips for landscapers and gardeners
- A tree-hardiness chart and zone map of the United States and Canada
- Index of common and botanical names, glossary, further reading and sources

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## Customer Reviews

Arranged alphabetically, this tree book gives usable information on 278 North American tree species. Although filled with color photographs, the pictures are somewhat small and sometimes lacking sharpness. It would have been more useful to have larger photographs with more clarity and detail. Still a good overall resource and reference book.

This is now the first book I reach for when I need to identify a tree. *The Encyclopedia of North American Trees* offers pictures and detailed descriptions of the tree and contextual details. I

recommend this book to anyone who needs or wants to know more about trees in North America.

I checked this book out of my public library to do some research trying to fill in the blanks from Wikipedia. The book is a good, if brief, general purpose reference. Trees are listed alphabetically by their scientific name (Genus species) and each tree can be found by its common name in an index. Photographs are numerous, but not large. Some would be rather stunning if they came with a larger print. Each entry describes where the tree can be found geographically, what the leaves, bark, shape, etcetera are like and what, if any, economic value the tree has as lumber or wildlife food/habitat. Classifying the trees according to the forest biomes they need and some maps showing these biomes in North America wouldn't have gone amiss. This would make it easier to use the book to identify which trees could be planted in the reader's specific area. The book's plant hardiness zone map isn't really useful since it deals only with climate when trees often have particular needs regarding soil texture and fertility. And even the hardiness zone map is faulty. Unless something has been changed this map is based on the coldest temperature ever recorded in each zone and not, as this book says, the average temperature recorded in each zone. My part of Florida had an extremely unusual Christmas freeze in 1990 and on this basis was moved to zone 8. But, it's never been that cold since.

Everything OK: Good product, received on time, delivered undamaged.

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