SEASONAL TREE STUDY

Season:   Date:
Kind of Tree:

Draw your tree.

Sketch a leaf.

Sketch flower or fruit.

Make a bark rubbing.

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Spend a few minutes observing your tree. Use the following prompts when writing about your observations.

• Make a list of all the living things you find in or near your tree.
• Listen carefully to the sounds around you. Describe what you hear.
• Touch the bark of the tree and think about how it feels. What patterns and colors do you notice on the bark?
• Smell a piece of the bark, flower, or leaf. What does the smell remind you of?
• Use a hand lens to look more closely at a leaf or flower from your tree.
• Does your tree have any fruit? Think about how the seeds inside might travel and why. Explain.
• Did you notice any differences in your tree since your last seasonal observation?
• Look for the Tree ID tag and copy its name.