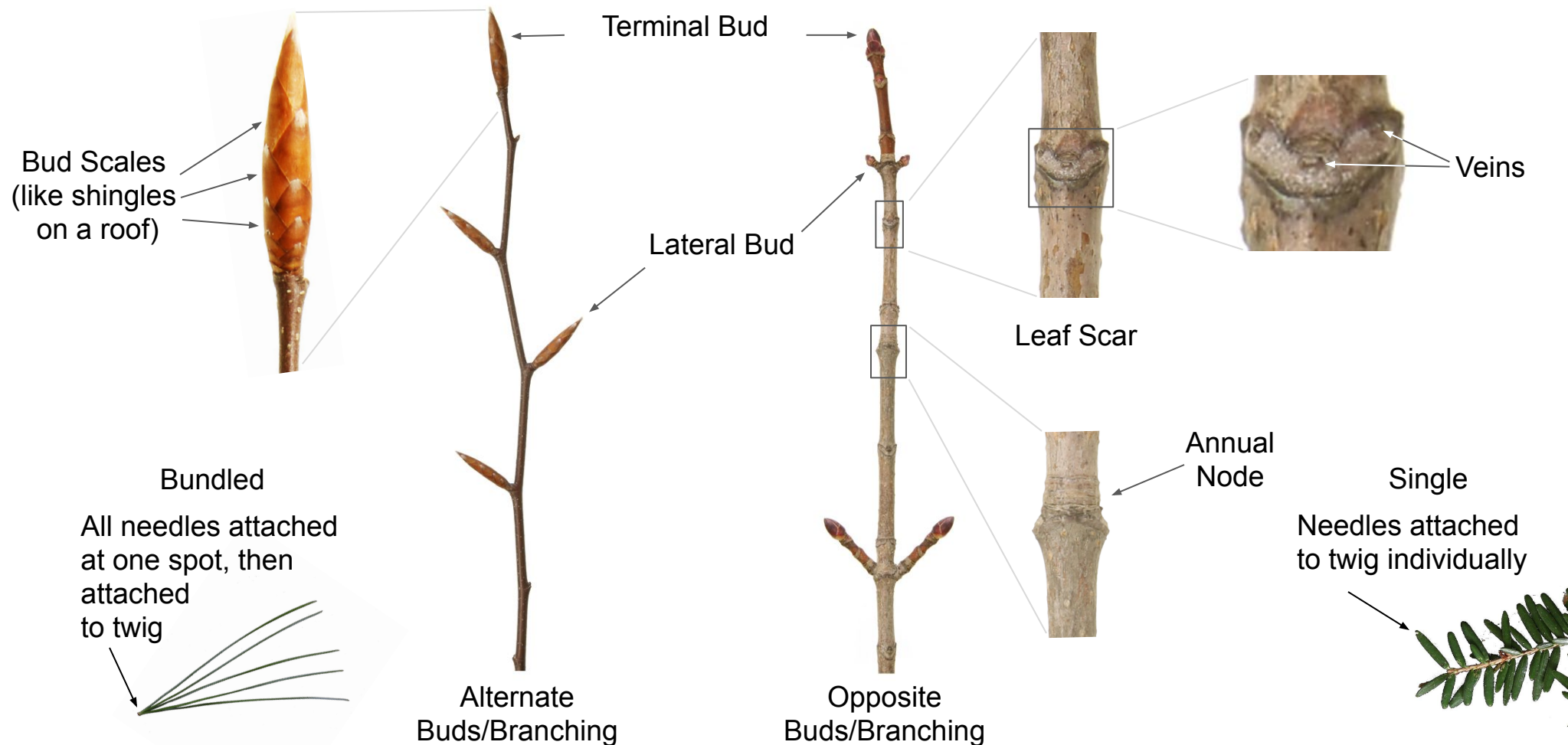



TWIG SCAVENGER HUNT

Trees can be challenging to identify in Winter. They all look similar without any leaves! However, if you look closely at the twigs, the buds, and the bark, you will quickly notice that each type of tree is unique in many ways. In Canada, many of our trees don't have leaves for 6 to 8 months of the year, forcing us to go beyond leaves in our tree species ID!

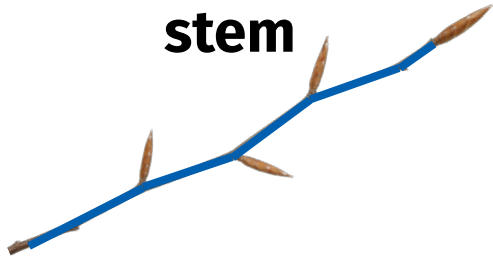
Here are some things to know about twigs and buds that will help you find important differences between species.



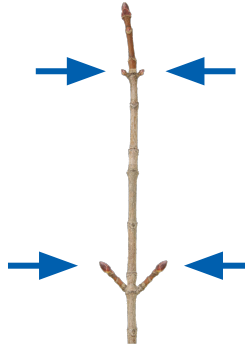
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EXPLORE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD. LOOK FOR TREES. THEY MIGHT ALL LOOK LIKE THE SAME KIND. LOOK CLOSER. LOOK AT THE BUDS, TWIGS, BRANCHES, BARK, AND LEAVES. CAN YOU FIND THESE NINE TWIG TYPES? CAN YOU FIND A TWIG NOT ON THIS LIST? TAKE ONLY PICTURES. 

Twig with a zig-zag stem



Twig with opposite buds



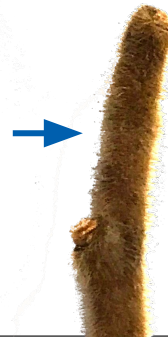
Twig with pointy buds



Twig with buds that circle the twig



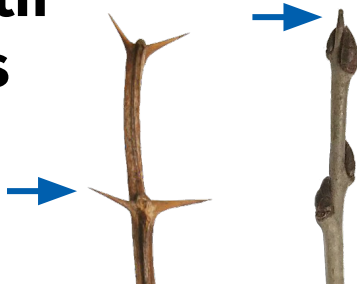
Twig that is Fuzzy



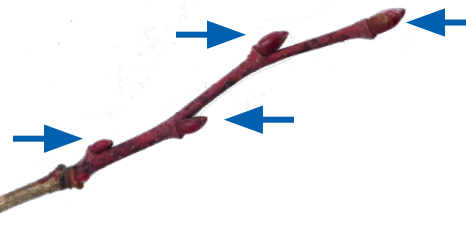
Twig with seeds or fruit



Twig with thorns



Twig with red buds



Twig with scales

