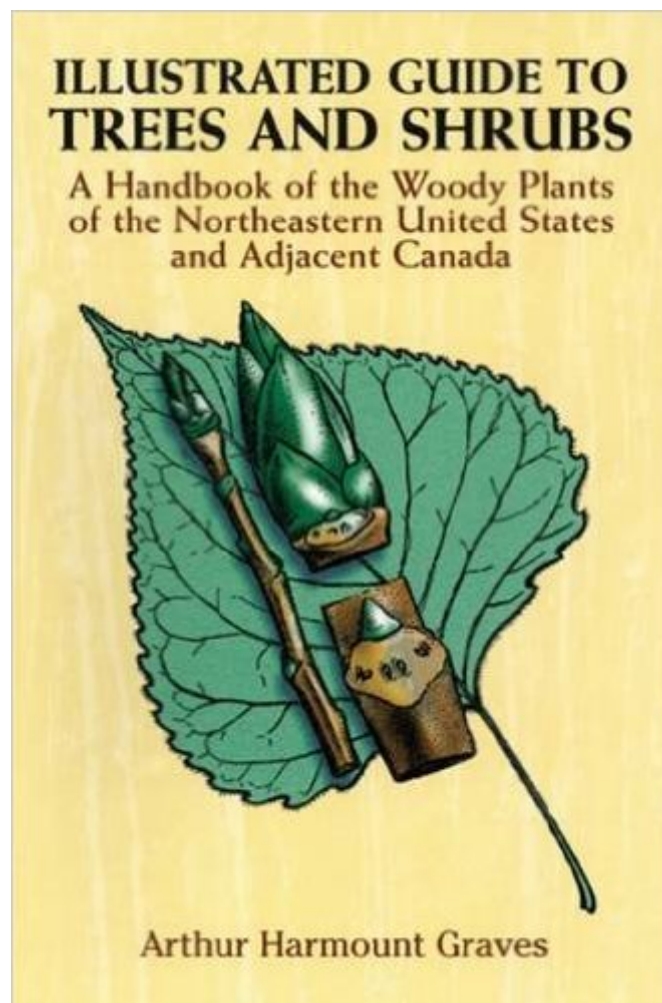


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# Illustrated Guide To Trees And Shrubs: A Handbook Of The Woody Plants Of The Northeastern United States And Adjacent Canada/Revised Edition



## Synopsis

"Excellent keys, superbly drawn illustrations. To the student or layman I recommend this book most highly." — Farida A. Wiley, American Museum of Natural History Nature lovers will welcome this authoritative, easily accessible guide to all woody plants — trees, shrubs, or vines — both wild and cultivated, commonly found in the Northeastern United States and adjacent parts of Canada. The book omits lengthy technical descriptions in favor of easy-to-use keys covering such characteristics as leaves, twigs, bark, buds, seeds, stems, fruit or fruit stalks, and other identifying traits. For this revised edition, Dr. Graves added a Winter Key, which, together with the Summer Key, facilitates identification throughout the year. With the help of these keys, a section of "shortcuts" for the novice, a glossary, and over 300 detailed, accurate pen-and-ink drawings, even beginners will be able to quickly and accurately identify a wide variety of plants. Rigorous enough for the scientists, yet easily accessible to the layman, this book is the ideal resource for naturalists, hikers, amateur botanists, gardeners, homeowners — anyone who wants to know more about the trees and shrubs of the Northeast. "An outstanding feature of the book is the more than 300 pen-and-ink drawings by a noted botanical artist, Maud H. Purdy. It is a real pleasure to view page after page of these original and excellent drawings reproduced from copper plates." — Scientific Monthly

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Graves' book is authoritative, comprehensive and clear. It includes virtually all the trees and shrubs you are likely to encounter in the area. The outstanding illustrations are a major resource in themselves; combined with the winter and summer keys and the descriptions of each plant this is

the only tree and shrub book you will need.

I cannot get to specific illustration without hunting through the book. The index does not even give a page number. The illustrations & information is great but am disappointed its not easily accessible.

I've had this book for about 10 years and I've enjoyed using it during that time. The positives are that it has a lot of the trees of the Northeast, many illustrations (b/w line drawings), keys to genus and species for some groups and species accounts arranged taxonomically- also it's pretty cheap! You can identify trees either using the key or trying by leaf illustrations. The negatives are that I think it was last revised in the 1950's so it's probably not the most up to date, the keys can be pretty technical and many traits are not illustrated, there are quirky things like leaves are always abbreviated lvs. and a superscript 0 by a species name means it's a shrub and a 00 means it's a vine. Overall, I really like this book, but you should expect something pretty technical and it would help if you've had a botany/field ID'ing class before.

All black & white with detailed written descriptions. Needed color and clearer photos or drawings.

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