



## Common Tree Names: Northern Boreal

SEASON: Fall






### SYNOPSIS

In this series of videos, Wāpastim identifies common trees found in the northern boreal forest, along with their Cree names and traditional uses. The first video focuses on the concepts of relationship with trees and plants, as well as animate and inanimate.

### THEMES

medicinal qualities; healing powers and beliefs; traditional uses; physical qualities

### LEGENDS/STORIES

-  Legend of Birch Tree
-  Legend of Poplar
-  Legend of Willow

### VIDEOS IN THIS SERIES

**Plants and Trees – Animate/Inanimate (9:47)**

**Diamond Willow nīpisiy (3:34)**

**Red Willow mikwapemak (3:46)**

**Balsam Pine napaka sihta (4:34)**

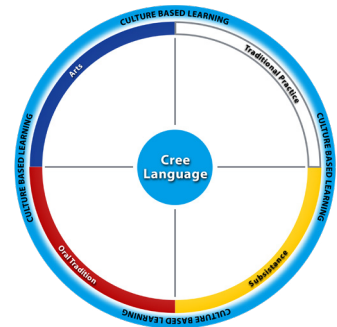
**Birch waskway (4:50)**

Poplar mitos (Pending)

Black Poplar mayi mitos (Pending)

Spruce sihta (Pending)

### PRE-PLANNING TEMPLATE



Pine oskahtak (Pending)

Mountain Ash waciwahtik (Pending)

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### CREE TERMS

#### Plants and Trees (Animate/Inanimate)

tānisi - hello

nīsīkāson - my name is

Wāpastim - White Horse

watikwa - plants

ekwa - and

mitosak - trees

Nēhiyawak - Cree peoples

waskway - birch

Moswa kitowacikan - moose call

cistēmaw - tobacco

maskihkiy - medicine

Nēhiyawēwin - Cree way

ekosi maka - that's all

#### Diamond Willow (nīpisiy)

tānisi - hello

nīsīkāson - my name is

Wāpastim - White Horse

awa mitos - this tree

nīpisiy isiyihkāsot - is called willow

Wihkimāsikan - diamond willow fungus

#### Red Willow (mikwapemak)

tānisi - hello

Wāpastim - White Horse

awa nīpisiy - this is willow

mikwapemak - red willow

Kokhom - grandmother

#### Balsam Pine (napaka sihta)

tānisi - hello

nīsīkāson - my name is

Wāpastim - White Horse

awa isiyihkāsot - this is called

napakasihta - balsam pine

sihta - spruce

wāpimitos - white poplar

#### Birch (waskway)

tānisi - hello

nīsīkāson - my name is

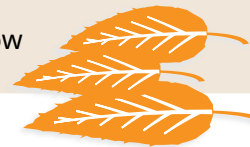
Wāpastim - White Horse

awa isiyihkāsot - this is called

waskway - birch

nīpisiy - diamond willow

ēkosi maka - that's all for now





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### POSSIBLE *ON-THE-LAND* ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOM

- Bring a variety of samples for students to explore the bark and internal appearance of different trees.
- Access a topographical map from forestry and label types of trees in different locations.
- Explore animal habitats in relation to tree locations.
- Examine impacts of reforestation on local habitats.
- Invite a representative from a local mill to talk about what happens to harvested trees.

### EXAMPLES OF GRADE AND CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

#### Kindergarten Science: Matter

KM 1.1 Children examine properties of objects.

#### Grade 1 Science: Matter

1M 1.1 Students analyze properties of objects and investigate how they can be changed.

#### Grade 5 Science: Living Systems

5LS 1.2 Students investigate the internal systems of organisms and explain how they support biological processes. Plants are complex organisms with transport systems that carry out specific functions for survival.

#### Grade 7 Science: Unit A - Interactions and Ecosystems

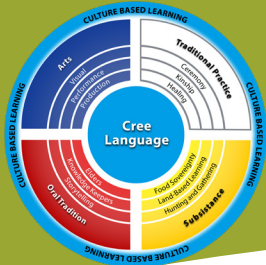
Students will: 1. Investigate and describe relationships between humans and their environments, and identify related issues and scientific questions.

#### FOR1020: Forest Ecology in Regions of Canada

### ASSESSMENT

Remember that the learning outcomes are what are being assessed by the end of the year.





## Pre-Planning with the 4 Foundations of Cree Ways of Knowing and Being

