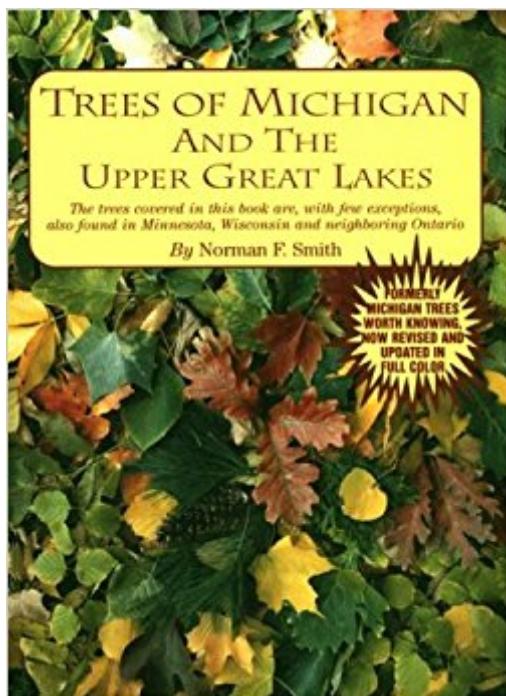


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# Trees Of Michigan And The Upper Great Lakes



## **Synopsis**

Of Michigan's great wealth of natural resources, few have been more important in the past or are more highly valued today than our forests and the trees which compose them. Not only are they a continuous source of raw materials for industry and agriculture but they affect the climate, water resources, and soil, purify our air, furnish food and shelter for wildlife and are indispensable to our vast recreational and scenic areas. They form a basic part of our diverse natural environment - our ""biodiversity.""" Their protection and management are vital to the state's wellbeing. Industries which depend upon trees for their existence are major employers and rank high in the state's economy. The annual production and manufacture of forest products is measured in billions of dollars. The recreation ""industry,"" including vacation travel, resorts, food, lodging, hunting, fishing, and camping, is likewise a multi-billion dollar a year business. Equally important is the intangible wealth which trees bring to us through sheer enjoyment of beauty and love of nature. Whether in field, fencerow, woodlot or forest, or along highways, rural roads, urban streets, or greenbelts, this bounty is ours for the taking. We have only to picture ourselves without trees to appreciate this value.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Norm Smith is a native of Ann Arbor and a graduate forester, with A.B., B.S.F., and M.F. degrees from the University of Michigan, where he specialized in forest management and forest recreation. His career with the Department of Natural Resources spanned the years from 1937 to 1976, including 27 years with the Forestry Division in Lansing during which time he was involved with forest use planning and development. He played a direct role in the growth of the State Forest

campground system in the 1950s, in the establishment of scenic forest drives and riding and hiking trails, and in the preparation of informational material. From 1964 until his retirement in 1976 he was Chief of the Office and Planning Services, responsible for the development of the first statewide Michigan Recreation Plan, and for initiating the Natural Rivers and Wilderness and Natural Areas programs. In 1966 he was appointed to the State Board of Registration for Foresters, and served as a member for 10 years. Norm is a collector of old things, and his office in his home in East Lansing contains such forest memorabilia as log marks from the early lumbering days and antique wooden tools. His interest in exploring the history and uses of trees and in tree photography were both a hobby and an avocation throughout his career. The first edition of Michigan Trees Worth Knowing was published in 1948 by the Conservation Department, now the Department of Natural Resources. The book was enlarged in subsequent editions. Color was introduced in 1978 with the addition of a section on Small Trees. This edition is completely in color.

I bought this for my sister who has a cottage near the Mannistee National Forest. What a great book. It's so well used already that I should probably buy a spare.

This is exactly what I was looking for. I live in Michigan and have a cabin in the woods up north too. This is the best tree identification book I've ever seen. My forester who manages our 730 acres up north said this was one of his textbooks in college at Michigan State. This is updated color version of the black and white version he used in college.

Could have been better organized. The photos were not very professional--looks like they were taken by a rank amateur. That being said, it is the best for identifying Michigan trees I have found and by far the best for describing natural history of the trees.

Super happy with this purchase. Item was in better condition than described...in fact, it seems nearly new! Great book with nice descriptions and even better pictures. The only drawback is I wish there were a few more trees listed....not enough of a drawback to deduct from my rating though.

Bought for son to identify trees when he is in the woods, he loves it, nice book.

This book is worth its weight in gold. Trees are listed by both common and Latin names. Several high quality color photographs are supplied for each tree covered, all by the author himself, along

with a very detailed description of the tree parts, use, and history. Two full pages are dedicated to each tree covered. The author is an Ann Arbor native who worked for the DNR for nearly 40 years. The book doesn't cover some non-native species. For instance, the only willow listed is Black willow and it doesn't cover shrubs. Although, Nannyberry and Hawthorn are both covered, both of which are sometimes considered shrubs or small trees. I can't recommend the book highly enough. Other things covered are Michigan forest history, forest succession, forest regions, tree communities, and there is a nice simple one page explanation of leaf terminology and tree parts. There is also a page that explains the fuelwood ranking of different trees as compared to coal. Most of the trees listed can also be found in neighboring states and Ontario, Canada. If you want a good tree book, this is it. Many of the trees I identify and use on my YouTube channel, MiWilderness, were identified in part using this book.

Just what I wanted

This is to be a gift. I looked through it. It has a picture of the tree from afar. The bark up close. And leaves, flowers or berries up close. It has plenty of written information about each tree. This book is perfect.

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