



# Trees of Central Texas Word Search!

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## Introduction

Words can be found up and down, diagonally, sideways, and backwards.

Print out this activity packet, do the word search, and learn some amazingly fun facts about trees native to our very own central Texas!

At the end of this packet is an image of this word search with all the words highlighted, if needed.

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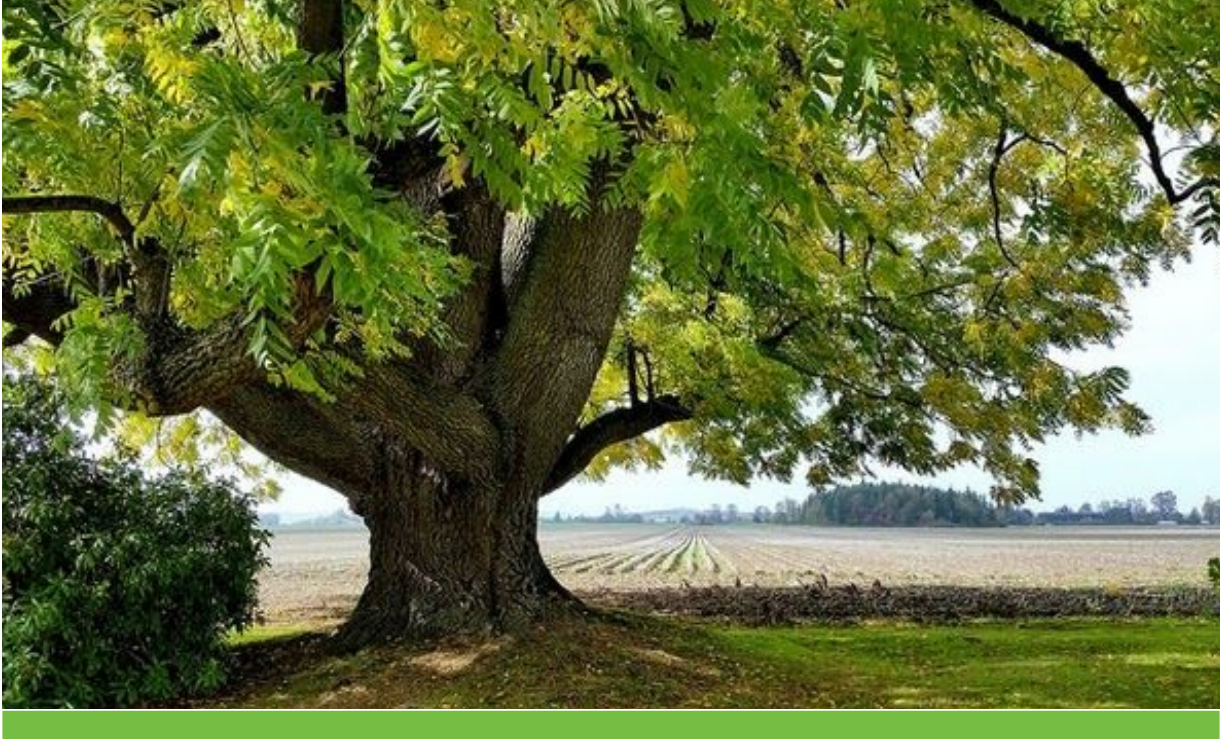
# The Black Cherry Tree



Its wood is highly useful for furniture. While its fruit is edible and commonly consumed, its foliage is actually toxic (it produces cyanide when consumed).



# The Black Walnut Tree



"The ground shells of black walnut are used as a non-slip agent in automobile tires, as an air pressure propellant in strip paints, and as a filtering agent for scrubbers in smoke stacks. The automobile industry uses the ground shell products to deburr precision gears, and the airline industry uses the ground shells to clean jet engines."

*Source:*

"Management Consideration." *Species: Juglans Nigra*, United States Forest Service, [www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/tree/jugnig/all.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/tree/jugnig/all.html).

# Carolina Cherry Laurel



While it is poisonous to humans, cats, dogs, and horses, the Carolina Cherry Laurel is an important food source for small mammals, insects, and birds.



# The PawPaw



An interesting and rare tree that produces banana-like fruit. It's commonly eaten by wildlife and is even a part of the American culinary tradition, having been used in puddings and ice cream.

It even has been researched for potential anti-cancerous properties!

# The Pecan Tree



The State Tree of Texas. It is one of the most culinarily important trees in the U.S., not only for its nuts, but for its wood which gives a much stronger smoky flavor than the wood of fruit trees.



# The Texas Redbud



A strikingly beautiful tree, its flowers can be used as a source of nectar for honey production. And in Mexico, the edible flowers are often pickled or fried.

The bark can also yield an astringent fluid.



# The Western Soapberry Tree



As the name implies, this tree's berries were heavily used by Native Americans and settlers as a soap and also to treat a variety of health issues from fever to kidney problems.

