

2018 March *Guess that Plant*



Carya tomentosa Nutt. Mockernut Hickory

The March *Guess that Plant* was a photo of a winter bud and twig from the native tree *Carya tomentosa*. A synonym is *Carya alba* (L.) Nutt. This hickory is a component in deciduous forests throughout the State with the exception of the Pine Barrens. It differs from other five native hickories by the large terminal winter bud. Other seasonal characteristics include a winged nut, smooth reticulate bark and stout branches. Mockernut had been used by Native Americans for food, fiber, and fuel.

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