

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

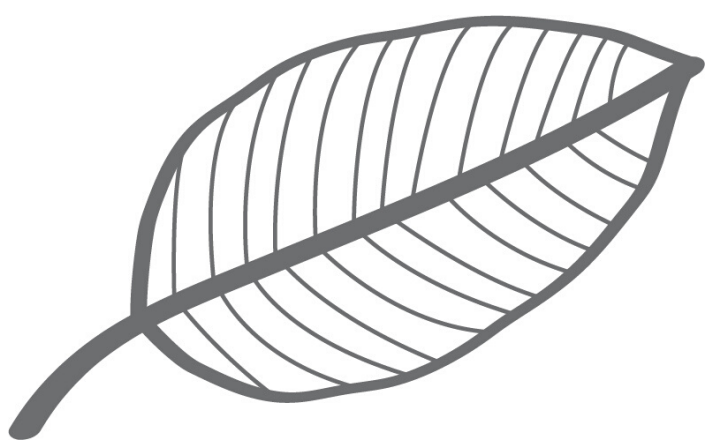
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STUDYING PLANTS THROUGH SKETCHING

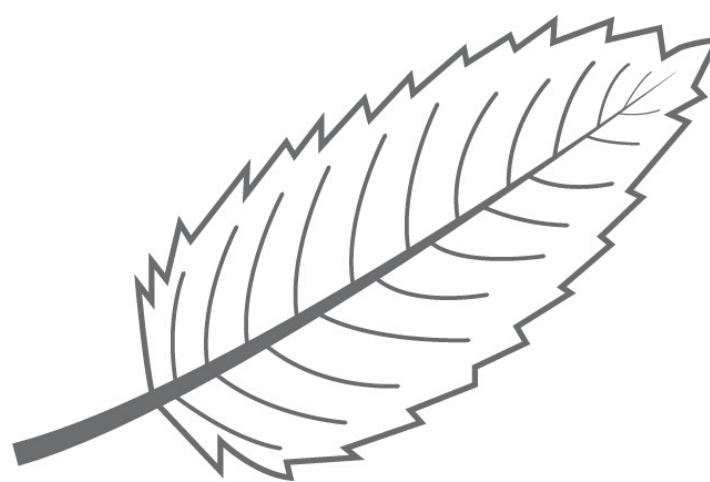
After watching the [Plant Characteristics video](#), head outdoors and find a plant you'd like to study and **sketch on your worksheet** (or on a piece of paper).

Circle the characteristics you see under each category, then **draw an arrow** from the word to the sketch to label it.

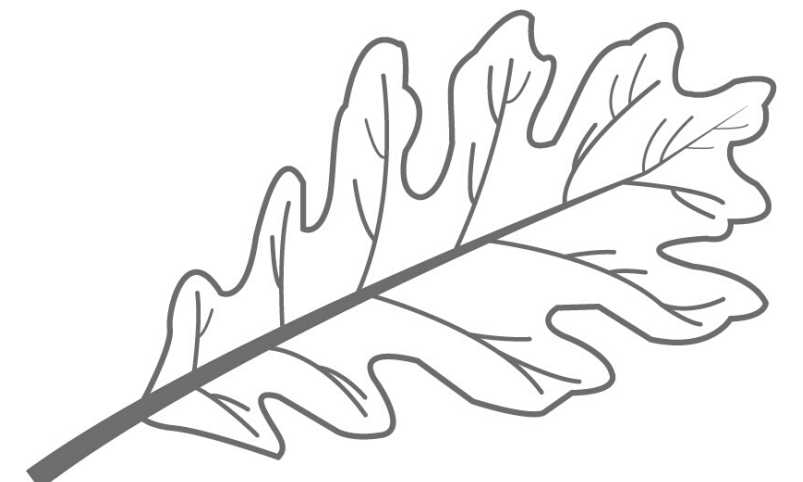
LEAF EDGE



smooth

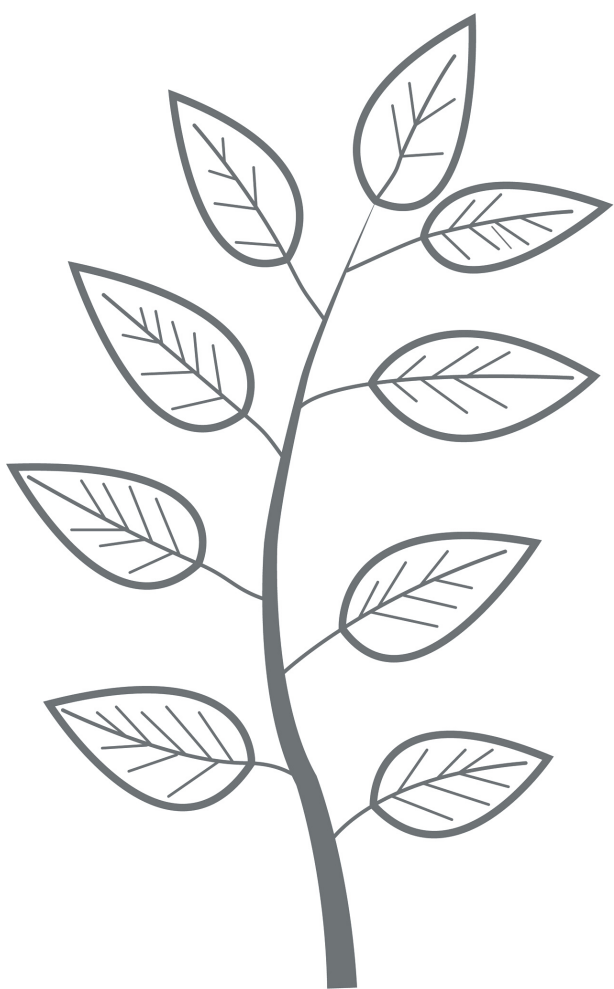


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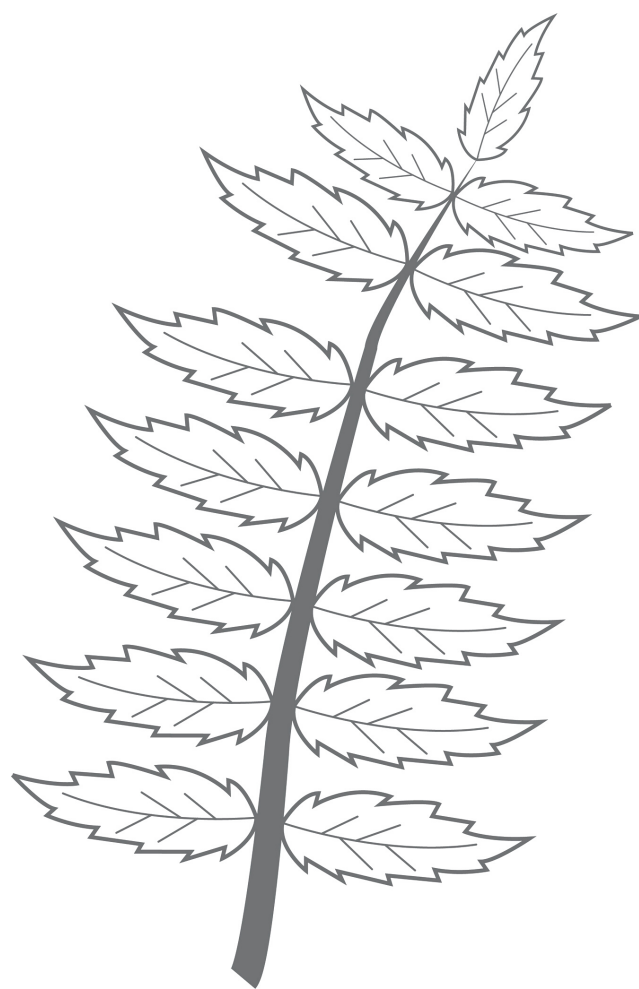


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LEAF ARRANGEMENT



alternate

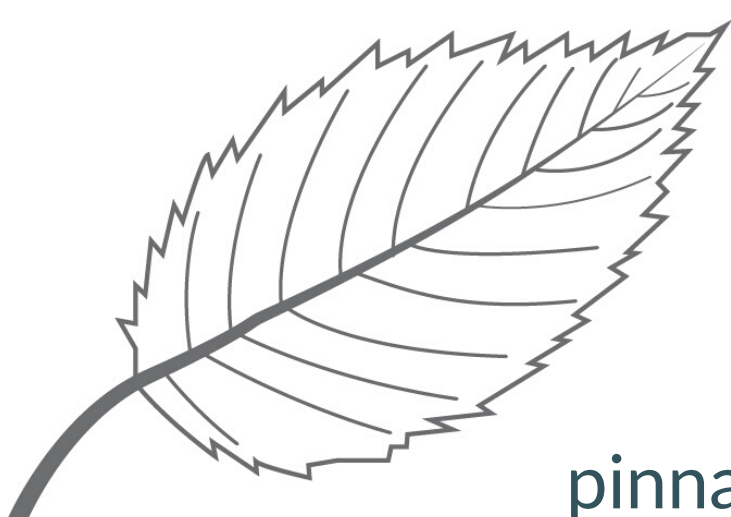


opposite

TIPS

- Start with the **general shape** of the leaf you are sketching: is it a long oval? Or more like a triangle?
- Once you have a general shape and size, **add the details** you observe, such as the leaf edge and veins.
- Draw **multiple sketches** of the plant. You may add more than one leaf, buds or flowers, or sketch the entire plant.
- Add **notes and labels** to the sketch. What does the leaf feel like (fuzzy, smooth, rough)? What color is it? Are there bugs on it? What does it smell like?

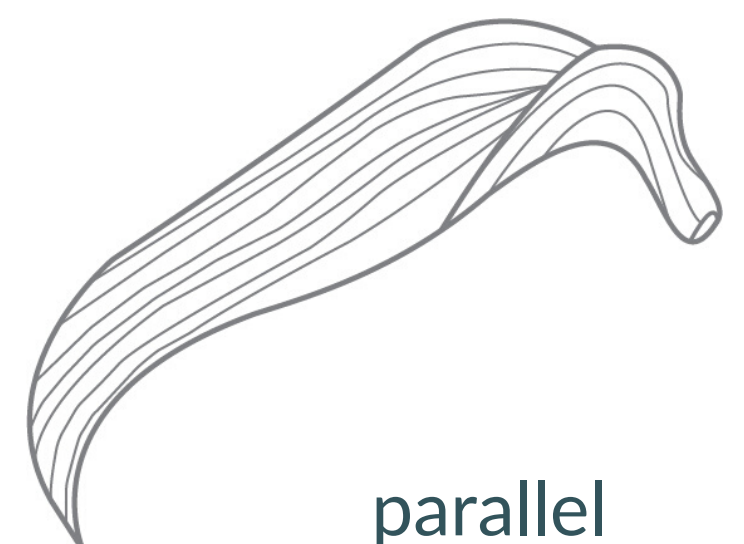
LEAF VEINS



pinnate



palmate



parallel