

# Download Northern United States Tree Dichotomous Key

Unlike a traditional plant identification key that provides you with only two choices at each step (a dichotomous key), these keys let you select multiple characters simultaneously (polyclave key). This makes more character data available in the key and minimizes the number of steps it takes to identify a plant. Dichotomous Keys - Text Format. This key is for conifers (trees which have leaves that look like needles or tiny overlapping scales, are frequently evergreen, lack flowers, usually bear woody or leathery cones, and produce seeds). To use the key, read both descriptions in a couplet (for instance, 1a and 1b). Start the Tree Key. For this portion of the key, you will need to pick the kind of tree you think you have...deciduous or coniferous. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall. Coniferous (Evergreen) Deciduous (Hardwood) Identification of trees of the northeastern United States Regional floras typically contain complete dichotomous keys for identification of trees and other plants to species (e.g. Manual of vascular plants of northeastern United States and adjacent Canada by Henry A. Gleason and Arthur Cronquist).