

| Family        | Genus       | Species       | Common Name       | Pronunciation (Family) | Pronunciation (Genus) | Pronunciation (Species) |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Agavaceae     | Yucca       | louisianensis | Louisiana yucca   | a-gâ-VÂ-sê-ê           | yu-KU                 | loo-Ê-sê-an-en-sis      |
| Anacardiaceae | Rhus        | aromatica     | fragrant sumac    | an-u-kâr-di-Â-sê-ê     | RUS                   | â-rô-MA-ti-cu           |
| Anacardiaceae | Rhus        | copallinum    | winged sumac      | an-u-kâr-di-Â-sê-ê     | RUS                   | kô-PU-lî-num            |
| Cactaceae     | Opuntia     | spp.          | pricklypear       | kak-TÂ-sê-ê            | ô-PUN-tê-u            | es-PÊ-pê                |
| Ericaceae     | Vaccinium   | arboreum      | tree sparkleberry | er-i-KÂ-sê-ê           | vak-sin-ê-um          | ar-BOR-ê-um             |
| Fagaceae      | Quercus     | incana        | bluejack oak      | fu-GÂ-sê-ê             | KWER-kus              | in-KA-nu                |
| Fagaceae      | Quercus     | marilandica   | blackjack oak     | fu-GÂ-sê-ê             | KWER-kus              | MA-ri-lan-dê-cu         |
| Fagaceae      | Quercus     | stellata      | post oak          | fu-GÂ-sê-ê             | KWER-kus              | STU-la-tu               |
| Juglandaceae  | Carya       | texana        | black hickory     | joo-glan-DÂ-sê-ê       | KÂ-ri-u               | tek-SA-nu               |
| Lauraceae     | Sassafras   | albidum       | sassafras         | lor-Â-sê-ê             | SAS-u-fras            | al-bi-DÊ-um             |
| Oleaceae      | Chionanthus | virginicus    | white fringetree  | ô-lê-Â-sê-ê            | kî-ô-NAN-thus         | vir-jin-l-cus           |
| Sapotaceae    | Sideroxylon | lanuginosum   | chittamwood       | sa-pô-TÂ-sê-ê          | sî-de-ROK-zi-lon      | la-nû-JI-nô-sum         |

*\*many of these are my own interpretations, so they may not be exactly right, but they are close*

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**Key to Abbreviations Used**

a as in map

â as in dâte

ä as in cärt

e as in bed

ê as in êve

i as in tip

î as in bîte

u as in but

û as in mûte

o as in cot

ô as in bône

oi as in soil

oo as in boot

õõ as in foot

or as in port

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***When someone presumes to correct your pronunciation, a knowing smile is an appropriate response.***

***Listen to others and practice what sounds good to your ear; conviction is important.***