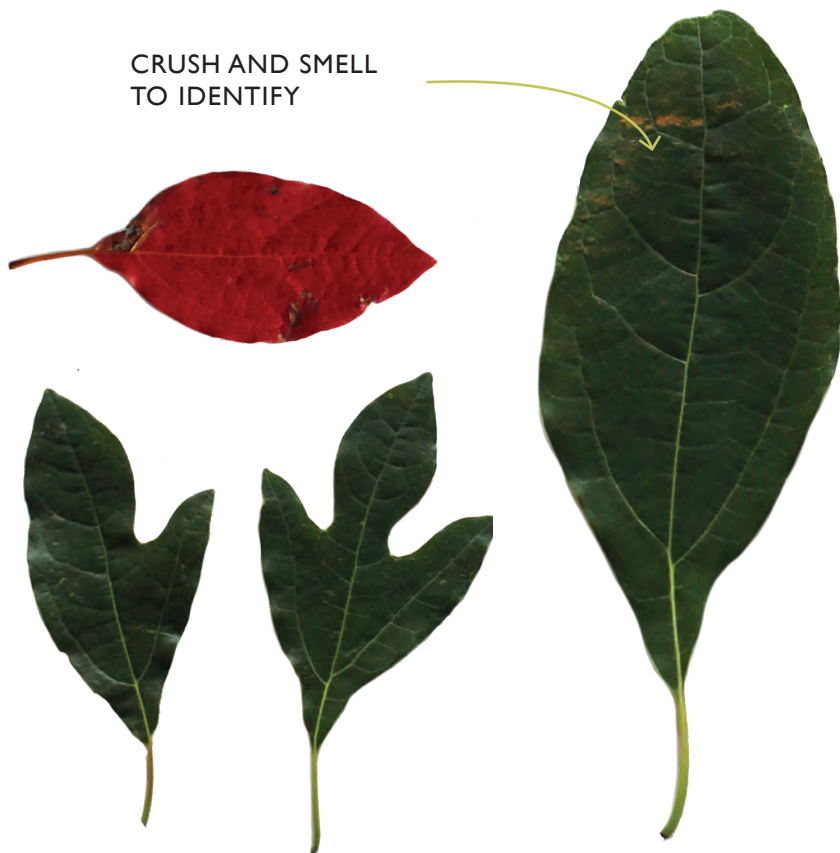


CRUSH AND SMELL
TO IDENTIFY



TYPE:
Deciduous



SIZE:
60 feet high
40 feet wide



SUN:
Full to partial



FLOWERS:
Occur in spring before
tree has leafed out



USDA ZONES:
4-9



ID TIPS:
The three leaf shapes as
well as the distinctive
fragrance from all parts
of the plant



WILDLIFE VALUE:
Sassafras is a larval host
for several swallowtail
butterfly species and
the female tree can
produce berries that
feed birds.



INTERESTING FACT:
It was the main
ingredient in traditional
root beer.



SASSAFRAS

SASSAFRAS ALBIDUM

Sassafras is a native tree with pretty spring flowers and large, interesting leaves that turn beautiful colors in the fall. The leaves are three shapes – ovate, shaped like a mitten or cut into three wide lobes. Sassafras can be found in forests, old fields and disturbed areas in Charlotte.