TREE IDENTIFICATION SERIES

BEECH

Also known as: American beech || Abenaki name: Wajoimezi [pronounced wah-dso-EE-meh-zee], which means mountain tree || Latin name: Fagus grandifolia (grandi means large and folia means leaves)

No leaves on the tree?
look for beech’s buds, which are long, skinny, tan, and pointy

healthy trees have smooth, gray bark

if a tree is sick with beech bark disease, it develops rough bumps and blisters

look for tan leaves still hanging on (beech leaves sometimes don’t fall off in the fall)

course teeth that look like waves at the beach (get it? like beech?)

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Do you think the beech trees you find have beech bark disease? What evidence do you see?
What do the buds remind you of?
What is your creative name for beech trees?

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