

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*)

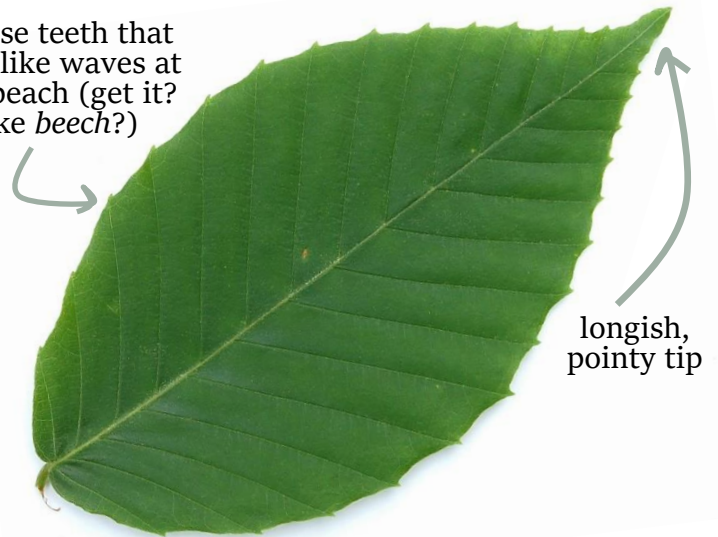
No leaves on the tree?

look for beech's **buds**, which are long, skinny, tan, and pointy



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

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



longish, pointy tip

healthy trees have smooth, gray bark



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



DIGGING DEEPER

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?