

# Cycle of Life

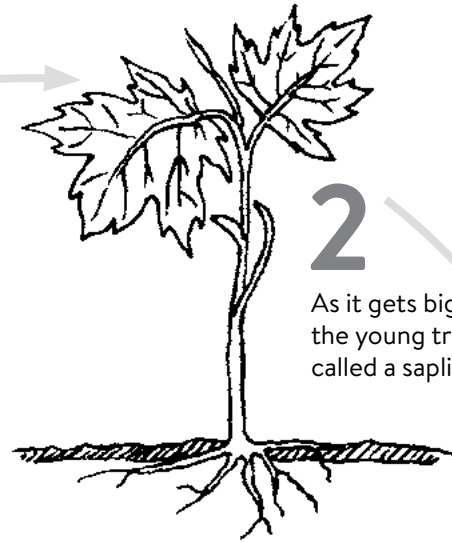
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A tree starts out as a tiny seed. With soil, moisture, and warmth, the seed becomes a seedling.



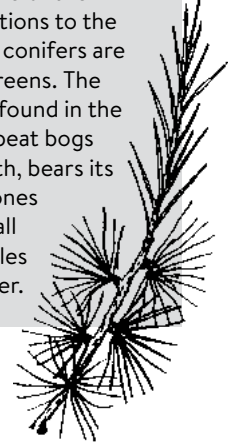
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As it gets bigger, the young tree is called a sapling.



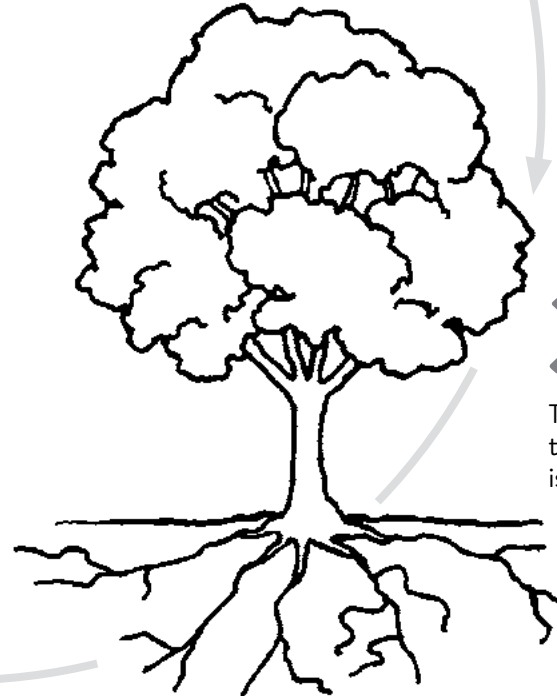
## Fun Fact

Minnesota is the proud home of one of the rare exceptions to the "rule" that conifers are also evergreens. The tamarack, found in the sprawling peat bogs of the north, bears its seeds in cones but sheds all of its needles in the winter.



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The tree gets taller and thicker every year. At last it is full grown.



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Trees die when they get very old. Dead trees decay and turn into soil, becoming nutrients for new trees to grow.

