## Reading the Rings of a Tree

Just by reading a tree's rings, you can discover some amazing things! Because the layers of wood a tree forms in the spring grow fast and consist of large cells, the rings are lighter. The slower summer growth has denser cells so those rings are darker. You probably already know that by counting the dark rings on a cut tree, you can tell how old it is, but if you examine the shape and pattern of the rings you can piece together the tree's whole history – from sunny days to insect infestation.



