



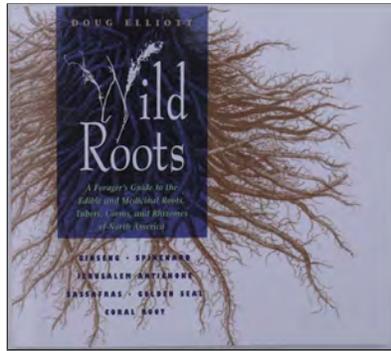
Senescence



I read an article recently which referred to "leaf senescence." I wasn't absolutely sure I knew what that phrase meant so I looked up "senescence" in the dictionary. It means "growing old."

The Kew Plant Glossary by Henk Beentje defines "senescent" as "aging, growing old, not able to reproduce any more." Now I know those leaves I had read about were leaves which were growing old.

Roots



Have you ever tried to identify a plant from its roots? I would not totally rely on a plant's identification just from the roots alone. However, a plant's roots can be used in addition to other plant parts (such as the flower or leaf) to enhance the identification process.

The book I use for this purpose is called Wild Roots by Doug Elliott. I do not usually dig up a plant to look at its roots unless (1) it's a "weed" that I wish to remove from a particular location or (2) it's a plant whose roots have medicinal value. I've noticed that roots can be quite distinctive -- in color, or smell, or how they look. Elliott's book provides a detailed pen and ink illustration of the plant's root system. He also gives lots of information and stories in the accompanying text.

Mystery Plant Confirmed



Many readers correctly identified [Mystery Plant 075](#) as Yellow poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*). The honor of being first to do so goes to Ton Ebben. It's been suggested

that the flower shape led to another one of its common names (and its scientific species name): Tulip poplar.

Mystery Plant

What is the name of this plant? ([There are more images on the website.](#))





When you can identify this plant, provide your response at [IdentifyThatPlant.com](https://www.identifythatplant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 076](#). Please identify the plant by both its common name and its scientific name. The answer will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Confidently master the skill of correct plant identification

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