



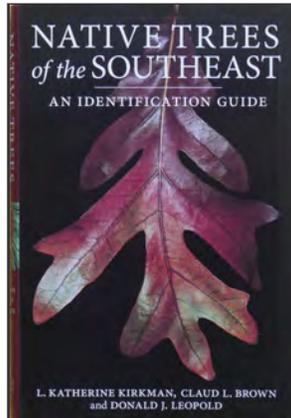
Quadri



"Quadri" refers to things with a "four-ness" about them. In the plant world, an example of this is Four-leaved milkweed, with the scientific name *Asclepias quadrifolia*, which has groups of four whorled leaves. Another example is *Lysimachia quadrifolia* (Whorled loosestrife) which also has whorled leaves in sets of four.

A search through Weakley's [Flora of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States](#) turned up more plants with scientific names with this "quadri" designation. These include *Hydrolea quadrivalvis* (Waterpod), *Helenium quadridentatum* (a species of Sneezeweed), and *Marsilea quadrifolia* (European waterclover).

Native Trees



An excellent field guide for identifying trees is Native Trees of the Southeast by L. Katherine Kirkman, Claud L. Brown and Donald J. Leopold. This guide includes:

- clear visual key to identification features
- straightforward dichotomous key
- tree species described within families (arranged alphabetically)
- additional dichotomous keys within each family section
- lengthy species descriptions with color photos of essential parts of the tree (leaf, bark, etc.) and region map for tree's range in the southeast
- glossary

Even though this book focusses on the southeastern states, many of the included trees can be found in other regions of North America.

Mystery Plant Confirmed



[Mystery Plant 081](#) is Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*). This is such a popular and fairly well-known plant that many people responded with at least a partially correct name. Let's credit Val with being the first with the scientific name. Joyce Hochsprung receives credit for specifying both the common name and scientific name. And Pam shared her joy with watching goldfinches eating the seeds.

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 as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 082](#). 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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