

**WSC 213 - WOOD IDENTIFICATION WITH A HAND LENS  
Fall 2008**

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**Required text:**     Hoadley, R. Bruce. *Identifying Wood*. Taunton Press.

Students are required to have a hand lens (10x). (These are available at the bookstore.)  
Pocket knives are useful.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
10/28	Assignment of blocks, features of wood, softwood characteristics, smoothing blocks for hand lens I.D., use of keys; <u>eastern white pine, red (Norway) pine, southern yellow pine</u> . Read in Hoadley: Introduction, Ch. 2 (pp. 7-13), Ch. 3 (pp. 14-27), pp. 78-81.
11/4	<b>Quiz on pines.</b> Other softwoods: spruce, balsam fir, Douglas-fir, redwood, northern white cedar, eastern red cedar. Hoadley Ch. 10 and Ch. 11.
11/11	<b>Quiz on <u>all</u> softwoods.</b> Features of hardwoods, ring porous hardwoods: American (white) elm, white oak, red oak, American chestnut, true hickory, white ash, black locust. Hoadley Ch. 4.
11/18	<b>Quiz on ring porous hardwoods.</b> Semi-ring porous hardwoods: black walnut, aspen, black cherry.
11/25	Diffuse porous hardwoods: American beech, sycamore, birch, yellow poplar, maple.
12/2	<b>Quiz on semi-ring porous and diffuse porous hardwoods.</b> Review session on all woods.
12/8	<b>Quiz on all woods.</b>

**Grading:**

Quiz on pines	6 points
Quiz on all softwoods	18 points
Quiz on ring porous hardwoods	14 points
Quiz on s.r.p. and d.p. hardwoods	20 points
Quiz on all woods	<u>42 points</u>
Total	100 points

Make-up quizzes will be given only for valid medical excuse or a valid reason pre-arranged with instructor. Missed quizzes count as (0) points. *NOTE: You will not receive a lower grade than you make on the 'ALL WOODS' quiz!*

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