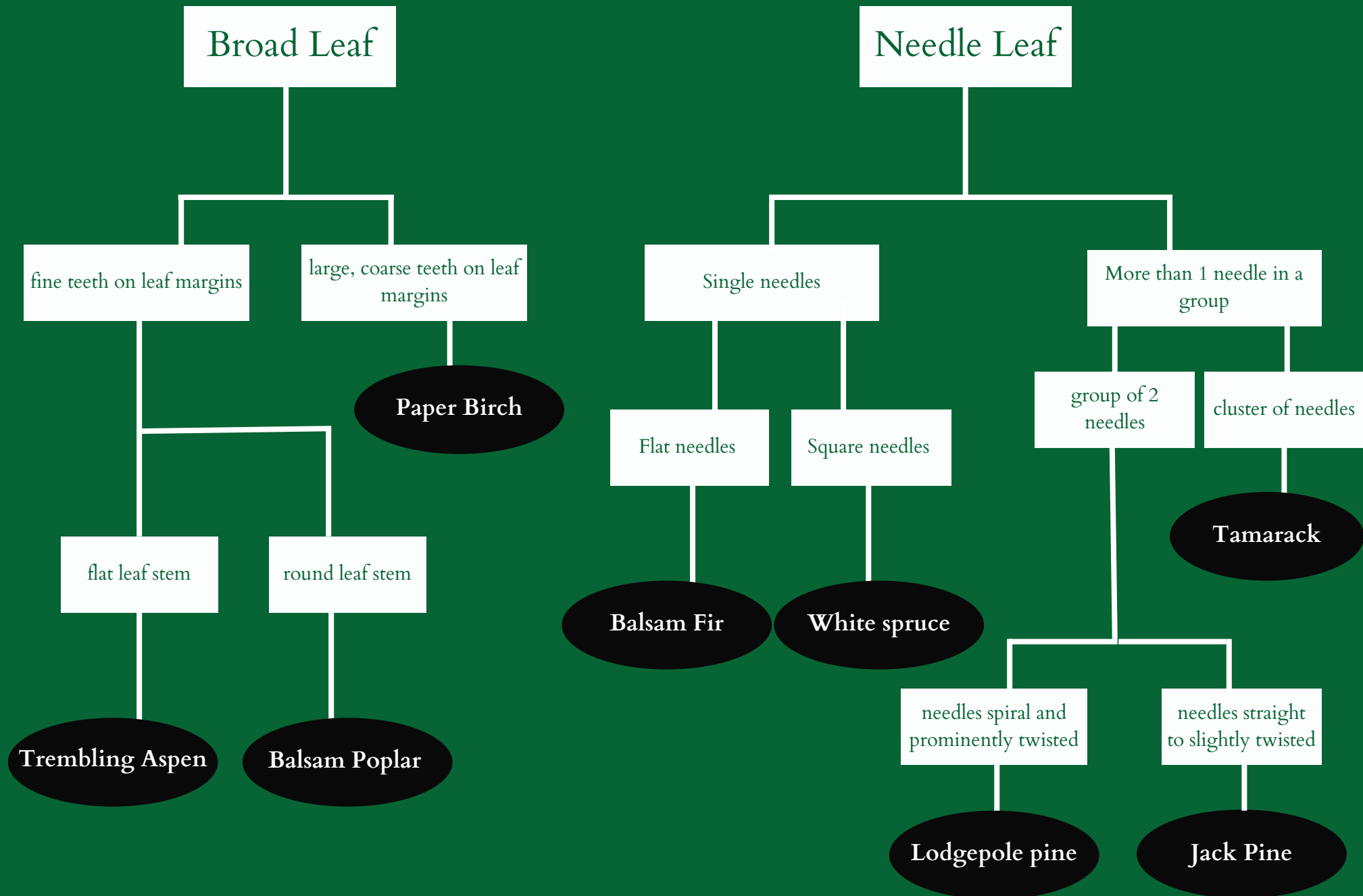


A Key to Common Alberta Trees



Common Trees of Alberta



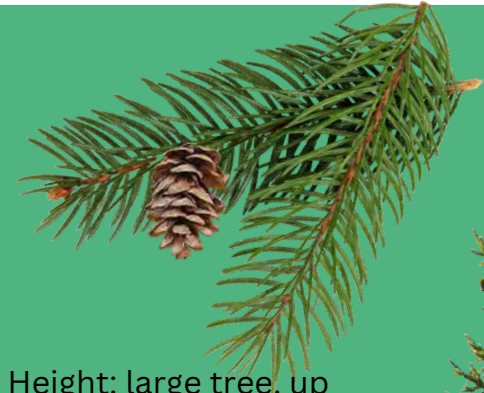
Height: up to 30m
Bark: smooth with green tinge, white powder on bark
Leaves: alternate, simple, oval, sharp pointed, round teeth with a flat petiole

Trembling Aspen



Height: up to 21m
Bark: dark grey, deeply furrowed
Leaves: alternate, simple, oval, sharp pointed, fine curved teeth on the margin

Balsam Poplar



Height: large tree, up to 45m tall
Bark: rough, scaly, brownish to grey
Needles: 4 sided, stiff, sharp, bright green
Seed cones: usually at the end of twigs

White Spruce



Height: 6-20m
Bark: whiteish or silver grey in thin sheets
Leaves: alternate, simple, oval with a toothed margin

Paper Birch



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Height: 15-18m
Bark: rough, dark grey
Needles: soft clusters, light green, turn yellow in the fall
Seed cones: small brown cones

Tamarack



Height: up to 25m
Bark: reddish grey, scaly
Needles: stiff, sharp-pointed, bundles of two
Seed cones: curved, smooth and very hard

Jack pine



Height: 30m or taller
Bark: thin, yellowish-brown, scaly
Needles: in bundles of two
Seed cones: yellowish-brown and very hard

Lodgepole pine



Height: up to 25m
Bark: greyish brown, has blisters
Needles: attached singly, flat and very fragrant
Cones: attached upright

Balsam Fir

