









## LENAPE NAMES OF TREES





These are names and photographs of some of the common fruit and nut trees known to the Lenape or Delaware Indians. In the first column there are links in blue that can be clicked to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary ([www.talk-lenape.org](http://www.talk-lenape.org)) where you can hear the Lenape name of the tree. In the third column enclosed in " " is the literal translation of the Lenape name. Some uses for the trees are given in *italics*.

### FRUIT TREES





<p>mahchikpiakw</p> <p><a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4181">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4181</a></p>		<p>Pawpaw tree</p>
<p>mahchikpi</p> <p><a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4177">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=4177</a></p>		<p>Pawpaw</p>
<p>sipuwasi<sup>m</sup>ēnshi</p> <p><a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9630">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9630</a></p> <p>sipuwas</p> <p><a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9628">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9628</a></p>		<p>Plum tree</p>

<p>ximënsi <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11569">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11569</a></p> <p>ximin <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11567">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11567</a></p>		<p>Persimmon (Diospyros virginiana) "Persimmon Tree."</p> <p><i>The sap of the tree can be used to stop earache.</i></p>
<p>mwimënsi <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=5326">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=5326</a></p> <p>mwimin <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=5327">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=5327</a></p>		<p>Wild Black Cherry (Prunus serotina)</p> <p><i>The bark is used to make a cough medicine. Also for colds and pneumonia.</i></p>
<p>pilkëshakw <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8727">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8727</a></p> <p>pilkësh <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8725">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8725</a></p>		<p>Peach tree (Prunus Persica)</p> <p><i>Peach leaves together with mulberry leaves, to induce vomiting.</i></p>
<p>òkhatimënsi <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7914">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7914</a></p> <p>òkhatim <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7912">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7912</a></p>		<p>(Morus Rubra). mulberry</p>





<p>hàkhàkopèlishakw  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1237">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1237</a></p> <p>hàkhàkopèlish  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1235">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1235</a></p>		<p>pear tree</p> <p>"bottle apple"</p> <p>pear</p>
<p>apèlishakw  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=551">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=551</a></p> <p>apèlish  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=549">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=549</a></p>		<p>apple tree</p> <p>apple</p>
<p>chèlisakw  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=704">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=704</a></p> <p>chèlis  <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=703">http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=703</a></p>		<p>cherry tree</p> <p>cherry</p>
<p>wisaòpèlësh  <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12368">http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12368</a></p> <p>-or-</p> <p>òlènych  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7930">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7930</a></p>		<p>orange</p> <p>"yellow apple"</p>

<p>sakwënakanimunshi  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9115">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9115</a></p> <p>sakwënananim  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9114">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9114</a></p>		<p>black haw tree  (Viburnum rufidulum),</p> <p><i>Small bands of bark are boiled and strained and the tea taken to cure stomach cramps.</i></p> <p>black haw fruit</p>
<p>xkikënemunshi  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11636">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11636</a></p> <p>xkikënèm  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11635">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11635</a></p>		<p>red haw tree</p> <p>red haw fruit</p>
<p>tëmpikànakw  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10082">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10082</a></p> <p>tëmpikàn  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10081">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10081</a></p>		<p>crab apple tree</p> <p>crab apple</p>
<p>puhwèsënakw  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8913">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8913</a></p>		<p>Elderberry  (Sambucus canadensis)</p> <p>"Pithy Tree"</p>

## NUT TREES

<p>kansèmënshi  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1652">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1652</a></p> <p>kansèm  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1651">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=1651</a></p>		<p>Pecan tree</p> <p>pecan</p>
<p>shimënshi  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9480">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9480</a></p> <p>simin  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9617">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=9617</a></p>		<p>Hickory tree</p> <p>hickory nut</p>
<p>tùkwimënshi  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10339">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10339</a></p> <p>tùkwim  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10338">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10338</a></p>		<p>black walnut tree  "round nut"</p> <p><i>The leaves are used employed in curing ringworm. Also used for stomach cramps, to induce vomiting. The walnuts are used as a dye.</i></p>
<p>Inkkìshi tùkwim  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14543">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14543</a></p>		<p>English walnut</p>



<p>kètamunshi  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2293">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2293</a></p> <p>kètam  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2292">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=2292</a></p>		<p>hazelnut tree</p> <p>hazelnut</p>
<p>opimënshi  <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=15578">http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=15578</a></p> <p>opim  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=15576">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=15576</a></p>		<p>chestnut tree  "white nut tree"</p> <p>chestnut</p>
<p>ònàxkwimënshi  <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=18171">http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=18171</a></p> <p>ònàxkwim  <a href="http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7937">http://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=7937</a></p>		<p>type of Oak tree,  probably a variety of  White Oak</p> <p>acorn</p>
<p>pahkàsun  <a href="http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8123">http://talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8123</a></p>		<p>nut meat</p> <p><i>Lenape people say a person should not crack nuts after nightfall, it is said the departed people will want them.</i></p>

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