



The Morton Arboretum **“A Tree is Nice”** **Vocabulary List**

To maximize the effectiveness of your “A Tree is Nice” outreach program from The Morton Arboretum, please familiarize your students with the following vocabulary words. This will be most effective just before the program.

Deciduous – trees and shrubs that lose their leaves seasonally, usually for the cold and dry season (e.g., autumn/winter)

Evergreen – trees and shrubs (usually cone-bearing) that lose their leaves very slowly, over a long period of time rather than in one season

Tree Parts

- **Root** – the underground part of a plant that absorbs water and nutrients from the soil and holds the plant in place
- **Trunk** – the main stem of a tree that supports the crown (tree top)
- **Branch** – a woody stem that grows from the trunk or main stem of a tree
- **Leaf** – the (usually) flat and green outgrowth of a plant stem
- **Seed** – the part of a plant that, under the right conditions, may grow into a new plant