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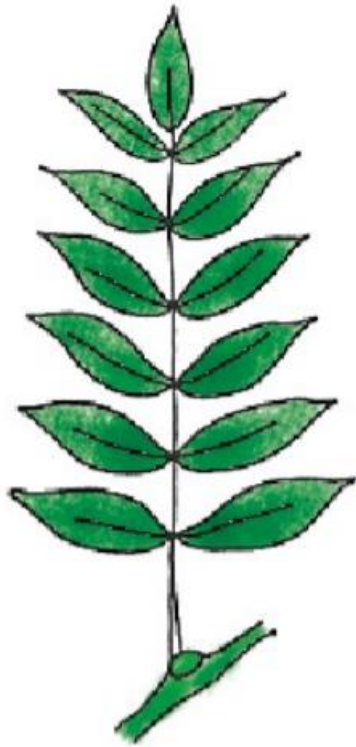


TYPES OF LEAVES 1



A leaf is called ***simple*** when the blade consists of a single piece. The margin may be more or less deeply broken, but the incisions never reach the central vein.

Latin: *simplex* – simple



A leaf is called ***compound*** when the blade is divided down to the midrib, giving the appearance of many small leaves close together. Each division is called a leaflet and has a small petiole. The compound leaf is only one leaf because it grows from only one bud in the axil.

(Locust, Hickory)

Latin:

componere – to put together