

# Winter Signs

Dropping temperatures bring changes to the landscape.  
Can you find examples of the signs below in your winter wonderland?



## Dormant bud

In spring this bud will open up into a flower.



## Insect galls

Some insect manipulate plants to grow a chamber to house their offspring.



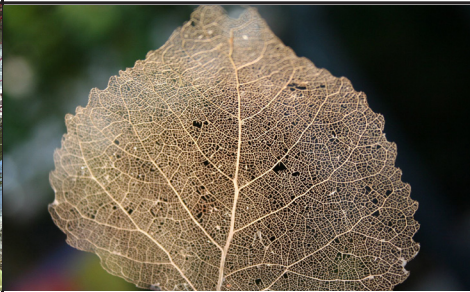
## Broken branches

High winds and heavy snow can cause branches to break.



## Chewed bark

Rabbits, beavers, and other animals will gnaw bark for nutrition.



## Leaf skeleton

Leaf skeletons are formed when the softer tissues are eaten away by insects or fungi.



## Lichen covered twig

Lichens are hardy organisms that serve as winter food for some animals.



## Plants with berries, nuts, seeds, or cones

Birds and other animals will be attracted to these winter foods.



## Trees with & without leaves

Most broad-leaved trees lose their leaves, while conifers remain green.



## Seed Pods and Catkins

The remnants of the year's flowers may remain after dispersing the plant's seeds.