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The leaves are 3-5 inches long and are quite variable having two or even three broad blunt lobes. The margins are without teeth, and the leaf stems are long. A crushed leaf is quite aromatic.

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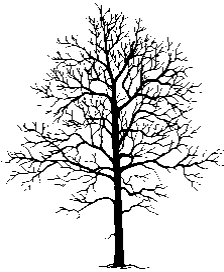
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The fruit of the Sassafras is a small shiny blue-black berry held in a reddish cup on a long red stem. In autumn the fruit matures to a single brown seed.

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The Sassafras is a small to medium sized tree with gray-brown bark which becomes quite furrowed with age. The branching is short and stocky. Sassafras is more often found as a bush or shrub in the northern states.

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The bark and the roots of the Sassafras are the source of a prized oil which is still used to make perfume, soaps and sassafras tea. The name is a Native American term for the tree. It is the most northern member of an important family of tropical woods.

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