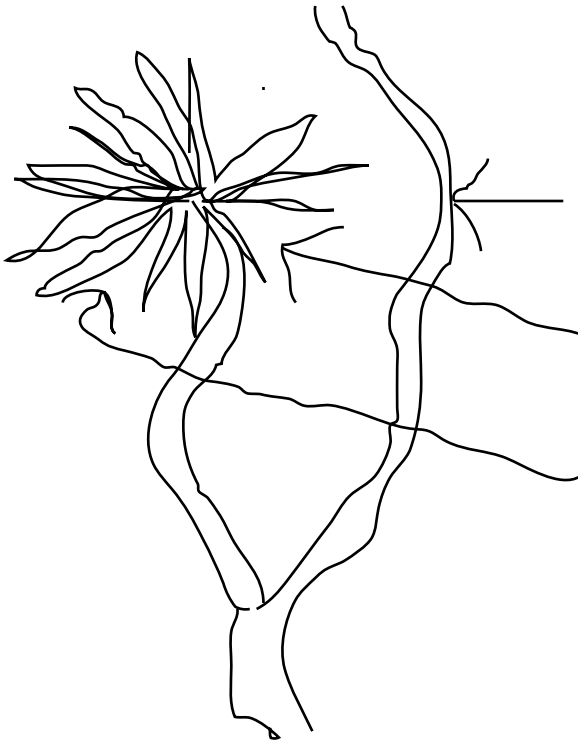


The Eastern Heckifiknow

by Steve Holmes



Key Characteristics

- Long twisty “snake-like texture to bark, varied in color, but typically light gray
- Green leaves that resemble large blades of grass (5-6”)
- Leaves simple, alternate, growing in cluster of eight or more at the end of branches

Similar Species

- This is truly one of a kind. There’s just nothing quite like it.

Remarks

- Often found growing in living rooms in New Hampshire, though it is a non-native species introduced from Zanzibar.
- Leaves can be used as toys for small pets such as cats; not recommended to be used as a substitute for kibble, however
- Tree produces large purple fruits, 8-10” every 23 years



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