

# School-to-Nature

## Nuts Found in Tabor Woods

		<p><b>Shagbark Hickory:</b> There are 2 Hickory Tree species in Wisconsin: the Shagbark and the rarer Bitternut. The nuts have a very tough shell. Hickory trees start producing nuts at around 10-15 years. Commercially grown and wild trees produce nuts for 60 to 200 years.</p>
		<p><b>Butternut:</b> Nuts ripen in autumn, inside a lemon-shaped green husk. Trees begin bearing nuts at 20 years old, with their best producing years from 30-60 years old. The Butternut tree lives about 75 years. The bark and nut rinds were once used to dye clothes.</p>
 <p>HARVESTING BLACK WALNUTS THE RENAISSANCE HOUSEWIFE</p>		<p><b>Black Walnuts:</b> Walnuts are popular for eating and for baking. The shells of Black Walnuts are used to make furniture stain. They start bearing nuts between 7-15 years and produce the most after 20 years. Walnut trees have extra-high yields every 2-3 years.</p>
		<p><b>Acorns (Red Oak Acorn shown):</b> Red and White Oaks are common in Tabor Woods and both produce acorns by about 30 years old. White Oak acorns are eaten quickly by forest animals, so are harder to find; if they make it, they sprout in fall. Red Oak acorns are last-resort winter food for animals because they are bitter, and toxic to some; those acorns wait to sprout until spring.</p>

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