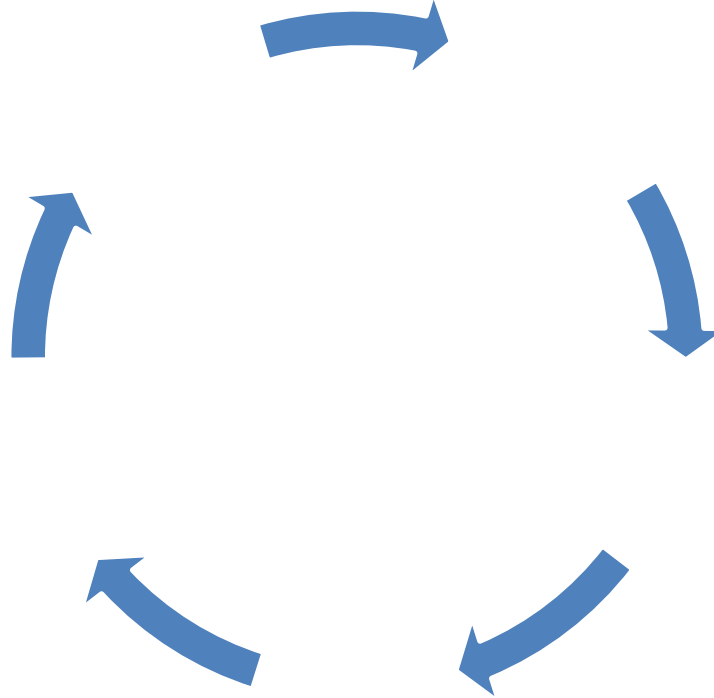


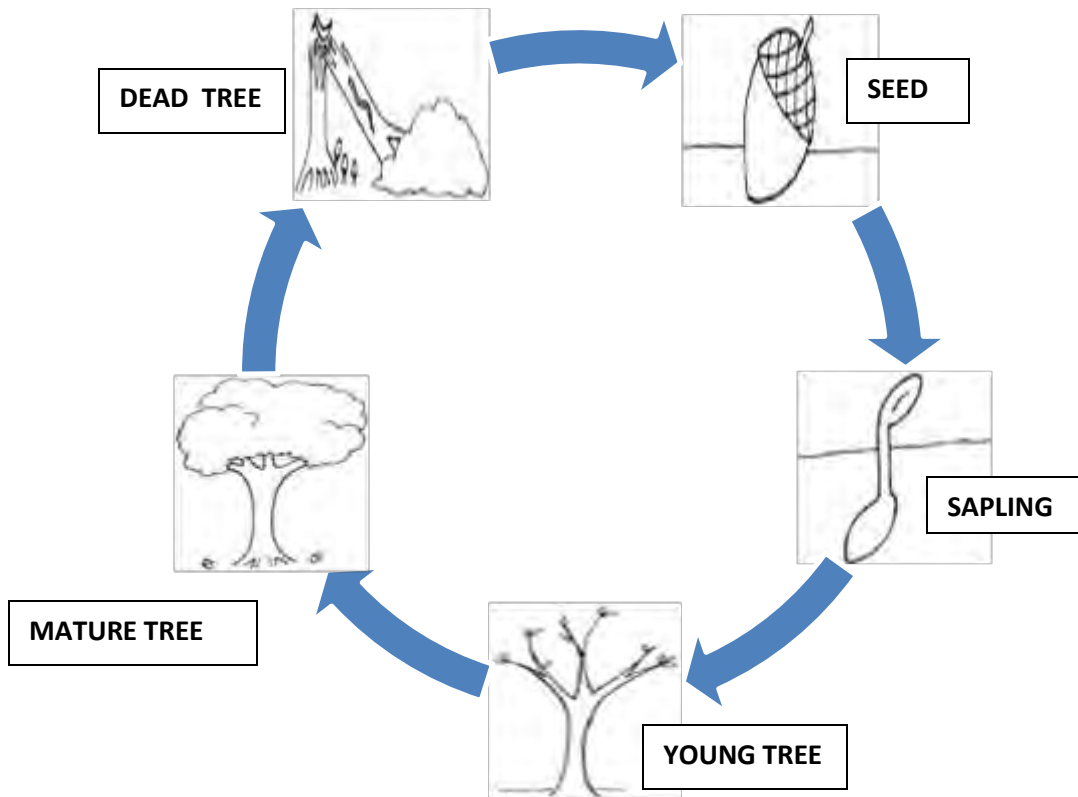
Tree Life Cycle Activity



Below are five different stages of a tree's life cycle. Cut and paste them on the flow chart in the order you think is correct. It doesn't matter where you start, but the order does..... after all, it is a cycle.



Tree Life Cycle Activity Answer Sheet



Note: As long as the images appear in the right order it doesn't matter which space to start.

The beginning of the tree life cycle starts as a **seed**. If it doesn't get eaten by birds, mammals or insects it will survive to a sprout or **sapling**. Deer love to feed on saplings and are often trampled on as well. The cycle of survival continues to a **young tree**. If it isn't outcompeted for space and it gets enough nutrients and water it will make it to a **mature tree**. After many, many, many years trees slow their growth. Natural causes such as fungal disease, hurricanes, lightning strikes, and many others can kill a tree. Some can stay up as a standing dead trees (aka snag) for some time. Others fall to the ground. Either way dying or **dead trees** make good homes for wildlife. As the dead trees become decaying logs, they are decomposed, by bacteria and fungi, into the ground to become humus (nutrients for the next cycle of trees.....aka seeds).