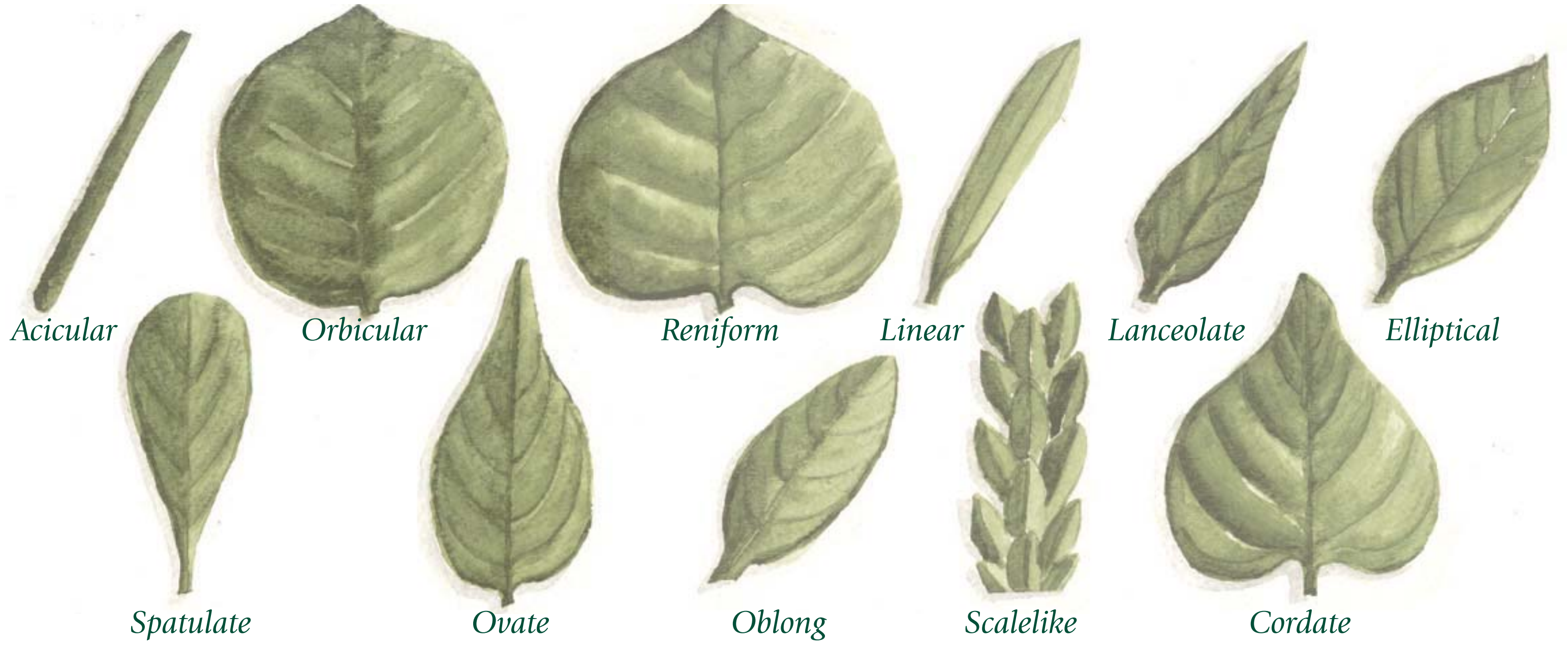
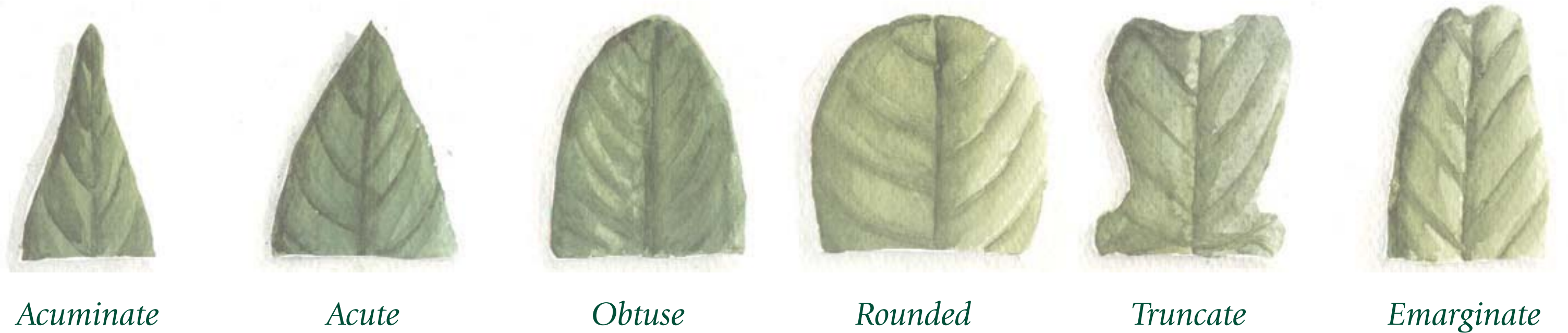


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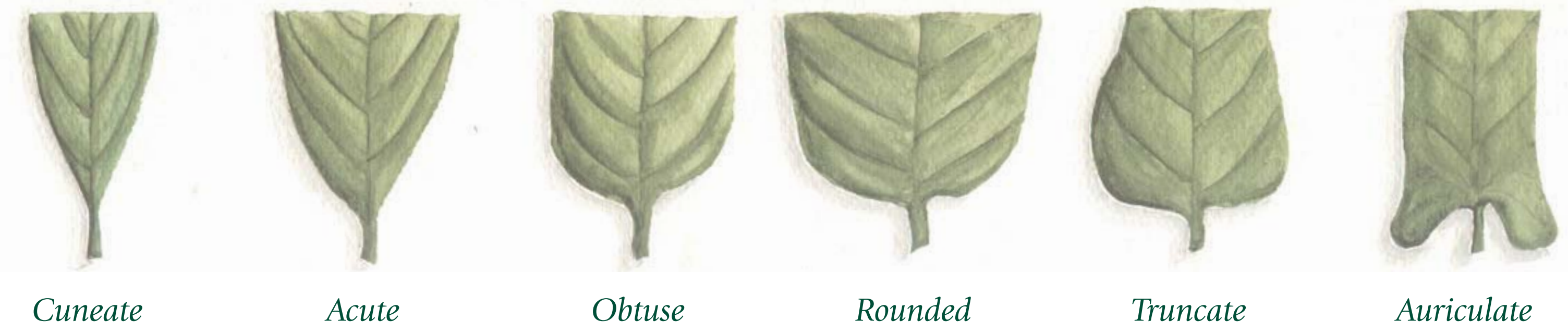
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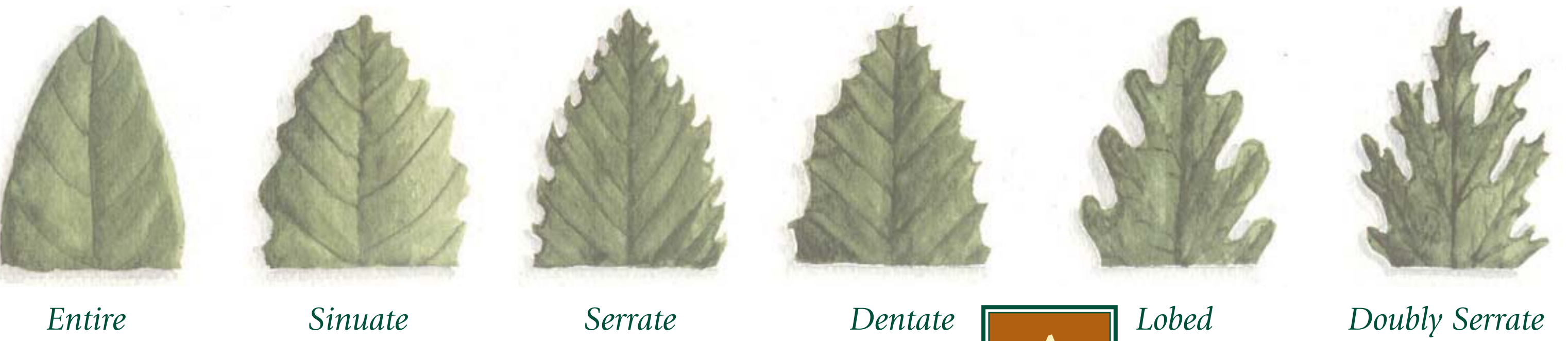
## TIPS



## BASES



## MARGINS



## VENATION



**A**lthough leaves of different tree species have the same basic parts — blade, veins, tip, base, petiole, stipule, margin — the appearance of these parts varies among species. Because these variations are easy to distinguish, examination of the leaves is the most common way to identify trees. First look at the overall shape of the leaves. Then look at the characteristics of the individual parts. What does the leaf's edge, or margin, look like? How are the leaf's veins arranged? What is the shape of the leaf's base and tip? By considering each of these characteristics, you can usually determine the tree's identity.

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