

DO YOU HAVE A SEEDLING OR A GRAFTED TREE?

To do an apple ID you must first determine what you have:

Seedling apple trees have no names. That's because apples do not come true-to-type from seed. Every 'seedling' apple tree will produce new and unique apples. If your apple tree grew from a seed we will not be able to identify it. Consider it a naming opportunity. You can name it!

Grafted apples do have names. That's because all named apple trees are grafted. Grafting is the only way to replicate an apple variety. If it's grafted, we should be able to identify it.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU PROBABLY HAVE A GRAFTED TREE

The tree is one of several planted in a recognizable pattern. This could be an old orchard or part of an orchard.

Often these orchards were only 4 - 6 trees, set out 20-30 ft apart each way.

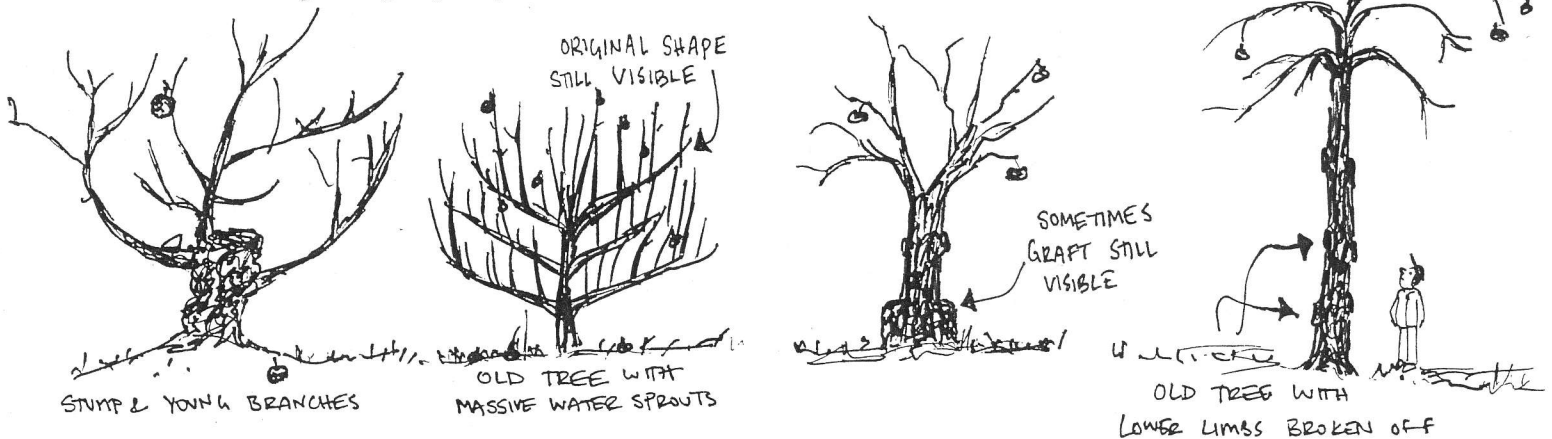
The graft is still visible, usually about chest high, but sometimes as low as a foot off the ground.

There are two different apples on the tree. In this case, at least one of them must be grafted.

The tree is huge old stump with a few shoots growing from it.

The tree is tall and umbrella shaped but you can still see the remnants of large lower branches that have broken or been cut off.

Or if the tree is growing in your yard.



HOW TO TELL IF YOU PROBABLY HAVE A SEEDLING TREE

The tree is growing in a ditch by the side of the road.

The tree is growing by the edge of a stream, the edge of a pond or the edge of the ocean.

The tree is growing along the edge of the woods, leaning out with few lower branches.

The tree has multiple trunks.

The tree is very tall with no lower branches and no remnants of large lower branches.

The tree is young and no one's been around the property for a long time so there would have been no one to plant the tree.

