

# SOLUTION

## NATURAL ENEMIES

The assembled grid is shown below:

6 ? TREES	isogram starts with a state abbreviation	L I N - in pairs has a double letter	W e first and last letters form a state abbreviation	long contains a V	4 ? TREES	isogram ends with an E	isogram contains a G	2 ? TREES		
	6 letters long is a word after removing the last three letters	6 letters long contains a D	contains 5 letters with enclosed areas	7 letters long		has more vowels than 6 letters long	isogram starts and ends with the same bigram		isogram contains a W	5 letters long contains three consonants in a row
	contains a U ends with a state abbreviation	contains a V contains a V	can be divided entirely into state abbreviations	is a word after adding an L to the end		has more vowels than 6 letters long	can change the first letter to get a noun		isogram contains a U	6 letters long
	can change the first letter to get another type of tree	can change the first letter to get an adjective	two distinct letters	has more vowels than 6 letters long		is a word after deleting the first letter	is a word after deleting the first letter		can change the first letter to get an adjective	5 letters long
alternates between vowels and consonants	starts with the same three letters as another tree in this puzzle	contains 4 letters with enclosed areas	contains four different vowels	contains 4 letters with enclosed areas	can change the last letter to get a verb	contains two Rs	6 letters long	3 ? TREES		

Using the clues along the edges of the 4x4 arrangement allows the unnamed exterior trees to be determined. In clockwise order from top:

NECTARINE

MANGO

APRICOT

WALNUT

Indexing into these trees as indicated spells the answer **TART**.