

TIP OF THE WEEK

HOW TO FLOAT-TEST FORAGED NUTS



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THE PROBLEM

Some foraged nuts may be empty, immature, insect-damaged or spoiled.



THE SOLUTION

Use a float test to help screen identified nuts for quality.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Any body of water
A collection of tree nuts
Cloth or something to dry the nuts off

QUICK STEPS

- 1 Drop collected nuts into the water
- 2 Sink = More likely sound
- 3 Float = Inspect, discard if defective



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Test only undamaged nuts.
- ✓ Float test screens quality, not safety.
- ✓ Dry nuts before storage.



COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Assuming all nuts are edible
- ✗ Testing cracked or rotten nuts
- ✗ Using the float test alone



FIELD NOTES

- ✓ Useful for screening many freshly collected nuts, including hickory nuts and most acorns. Remember, leach acorns before eating.



TERTIARY TAKEAWAY

Learning to screen foraged nuts for quality yourself is tertiary.

