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### What happened to this tree?

This is a very definite sign that you have whitetail deer at your location. A positive sign if you are a hunter, a very negative sign in a residential landscape.



Deer rubs start around Labor Day, ease up for a few weeks and then start increasing towards mid to late October. It is not uncommon for them to occur till Christmas time.

The key is immediate action! If a tree is hit once it's likely to happen again. This tree is being used as a sign post for other bucks, a kind of calling card. If there is a high population, other deer will rub the tree and nearby ones as well.

The best solution is a physical guard on the trunk at least 3 ft tall. We have available some Bark Protectors, a heavy plastic mesh guard. Repellents do little to stop a testosterone-charged buck, I've tried it!

If the bark is removed all the way around the trunk the tree will be fatally compromised. Minor rubs will heal over. Don't wait!



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