Visual Leaf Guide

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CALCIUM

Plant is dark green. Tender leaves are pale. Drying starts at the tips. Eventually leaf buds die.

IRON

Leaves are pale. No spots on leaf. Major veins are green.

COPPER

Pale pink between the leaf's veins. Leaves wilt and drop.

MOLYBDENUM

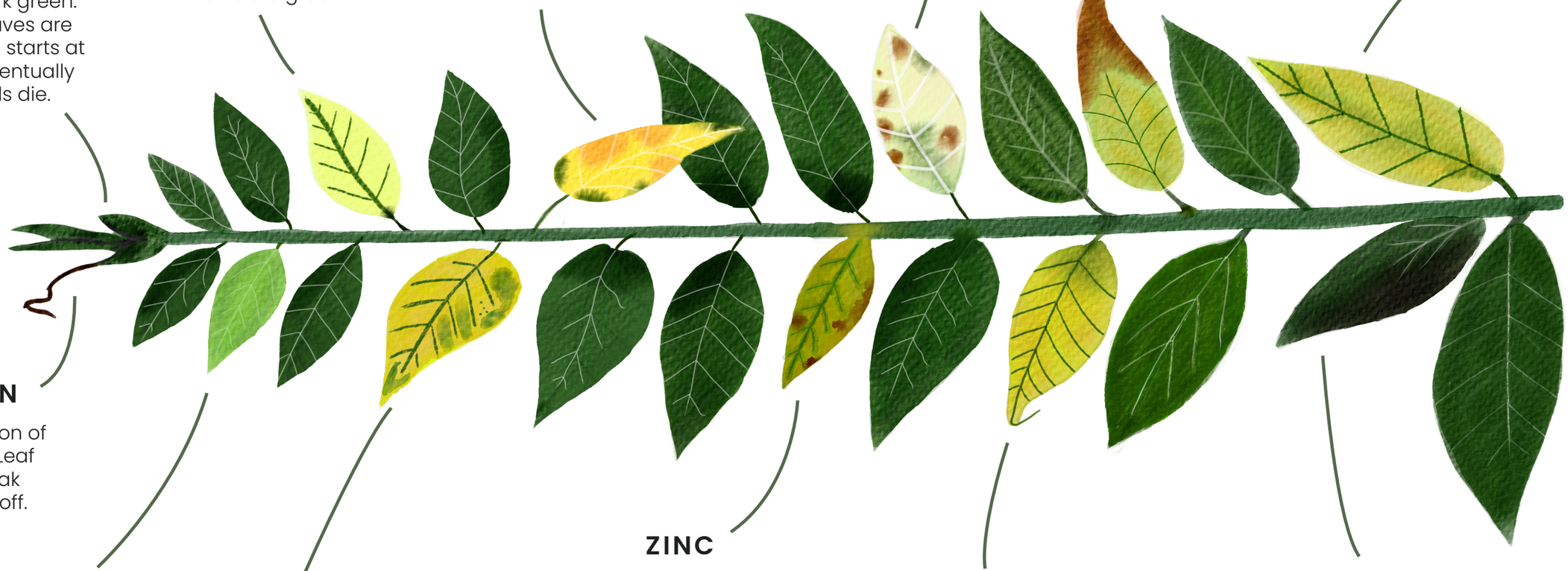
Leaves light green/lemon yellow/orange. Spots on leaf except veins. Sticky secretions from under leaf.

POTASSIUM

Small spots on the tips and edges of leaves. Spots turn rusty. Leaf folds at tips.

NITROGEN

Stunted growth. Extremely pale colour. Upright leaves with light green/yellowish veins. Appear burnt in extreme deficiency.



BORON

Discolouration of leaf buds. Leaf buds break and drop off.

SULPHUR

Leaves are light green. Veins pale green. No spots.

MANGANESE

Leaves are pale in colour. Veins and venules dark green and reticulated.

ZINC

Leaves are pale, with narrow and short veins that are dark green. Dark spots on leaves and edges.

MAGNESIUM

Paleness along leaf edges. No spots. Edges have cup-shaped folds. Leaves die and drop off in extreme deficiency.

PHOSPHOROUS

Plant is short and dark green. In extreme deficiencies, turns brown or black. Bronze colour under leaf.