

## Ash Tree

*Fraxinus americana*



**Description:** large trees to 110 feet, 4 feet diameter with straight column trunks Crown rounded with slender branches. Leaves opposite, compound. Bark deeply fissured. Fruits single wing, strapped like propellers

**Leaves:** opposite on twig, compound with 5 through 9 usually 7 ladder like, oval leaflets 3 through 5 in long with pointed tips. Edges smooth to remotely tooth smooth, dark green above, paler below. Leaf stems Stout, smooth, grooved. Usually turn bright yellow in autumn

**Bark:** medium to dark gray with numerous narrow ridges crossing to form a diamond pattern. With age, it becomes very deeply furrowed with broad, scaly ridges

**Flowers:** unisexual on separate trees open before leaving. Both sexes without pedals and purplish dense clusters, which later expand and become yellowish

**Fruits:** winged, paddle-shaped to 2 in long, tips sometimes notched, several in dense, drooping clusters 6 to 8 in long mature and autumn scattered by wind in winter or spring

**Habitat/Range:** occurs on fertile soil along streams, on lower slopes and in moist upland forest and mixed hardwood stands. Commonly planted as an ornamental and in lawns