Ash Tree Identification

Key Ash Tree Characteristics

Opposite Branch Arrangements
Buds, Leaves and Branches are directly across from one another

Pinnately Compound Leaves
Leaf made of leaflets arranged in a line with one terminal leaflet. 5-11 leaflets per leaf

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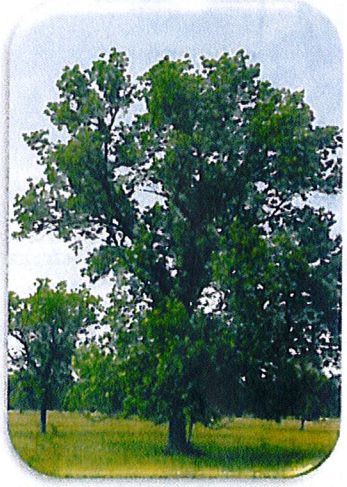
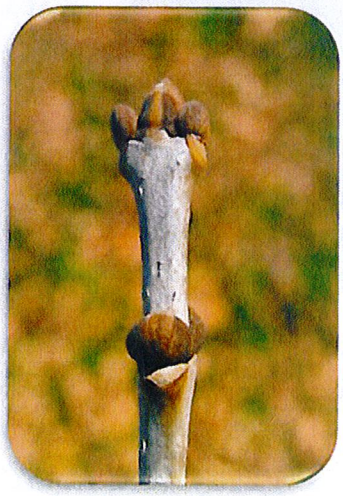
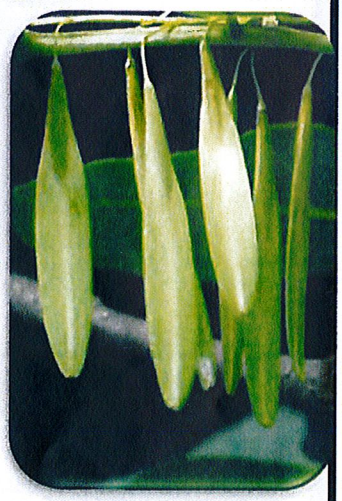
Diamond Patterned Bark
Ridges and furrows form diamond shapes in older bark (green & white ash)



Trees have an Upright, Oval Shape



Stout Twigs support prominent Brown Buds



Single Samara Fruit
Seed surrounded by a dry, oar shaped wing

Some lookalikes and their key differences:

Norway Maple: Simple (not compound) lobed leaves, paired samara
Box Elder: Purplish twigs, lobed terminal leaflet, paired samara
Elderberry: Shrub, purple berries, large, white flowers
Walnut, Hickory, Mountain-Ash: Alternate branching

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