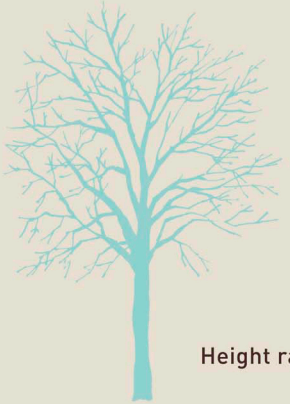
Fruit

Flowers



Height range 50-75'

6-9"

Green Ash

Fraxinus pennsylvanica

The Olive Family (Oleaceae)

Basic Description: Medium sized tree with opposite, deciduous leaves and brownish-black, diamond-shaped bark.

Interesting Facts: Because of its strong but elastic durability, its lumber is multi-purpose. A red dye can be extracted from its bark, and its inner bark can be made into a powder for cooking purposes. Host to the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Orange Sulphur and the Mourning Cloak butterflies.

Flower: Its light green to purplish flowers are petalless, with the female flowers hanging in loose panicles and male in tight clusters appearing after the leaves unfold.

Fruit: Greenish-white, single-winged, dry, flattened samara with a slender, thin seed cavity.

Wildlife Value: Tree provides cover and seed for birds; its leaves, twigs, and seeds are a food source for mammals; and it hosts multiple butterflies and insects.

Habitat: Open woodlands, streams, river banks.

LEAF TYPE	POLLINATOR	WILDLIFE VALUE
COMPOUND	WIND	HIGH