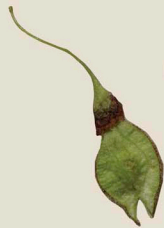




Corky Wings



Fruit



Height range 40-90'



1-3"

Winged Elm

Ulmus alata

The Elm Family (Ulmaceae)

Basic Description: Small, fast-growing, deciduous tree with a variable shaped crown; corky, wing-like projections on opposite sides of twigs and branches; reddish brown to gray bark and alternate dark green leaves.

Interesting Facts: Native Americans utilized inner bark to treat diarrhea and to ease childbirth; and wove bark fibers into baskets and rope. A larval host for the Question Mark Butterfly. Most common elm in Louisiana. Susceptible to Dutch elm disease.

Flower: Reddish, in branched clusters less than 1" long in early spring before leaves.

Fruit: .5" reddish, winged fruit, "samara," with a notched end enclosing seed.

Wildlife Value: Provides cover for birds and other wildlife; especially attractive to nesting birds. Early seeds provide food to birds and squirrels. Deer browse twigs and leaves.

Habitat: Drier sites, hardwood forests, abandoned fields.

LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



POLLINATOR

WIND



WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH

