

## White Ash

<b>Genus/species</b>	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	
<b>Family</b>	Oleaceae	
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Eastern and Central US</b>	E Texas eastward to central Florida Florida northeastward to Maine Maine westward to SE Minnesota and NW Iowa NW Iowa southward to E Texas Absent from Lower Mississippi Valley and Gulf and Atlantic coastal areas

**Comments** White Ash is a very widespread species typically found in moist areas near streams or on slopes. It becomes a medium-sized tree. The compound leaves, each composed of five to nine pointed leaflets, are borne in pairs (opposite) on the twigs and are lighter underneath than on top. The male and female flowers are produced on separate trees in the spring. Pollen is spread by the wind, and the female flowers develop into paddle-shaped fruit, each containing one seed, that ripen in the autumn.

