

Post Oak

Leaf

Deciduous leaves are 4 to 6 inches long
Lobes form a cross shape

Tree Description

Medium to large size
Up to 50 feet tall with trunk 2 feet in diameter

Bark

Thick, gray-brown
Narrow, irregular cracks and scaly ridges on
older trees

Wood

Heavy, hard
Used for crossties and fence posts, sometimes for
lumber

Notes

So common that an entire ecoregion is
named Post Oak Savannah

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American Elm

Leaf

Deciduous leaves are 4 to 6 inches long, 2 to 3
inches wide
Oval, tip comes to a point
Base is lopsided and double toothed

Tree Description

Large size, up to 90 feet tall

Bark

Dark gray
Divided into irregular flat-topped, thick ridges

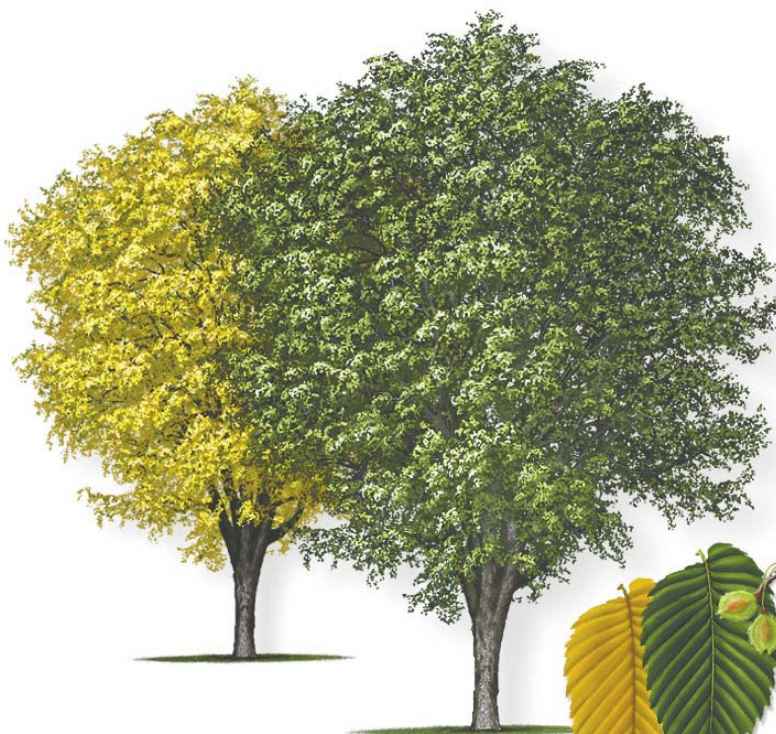
Wood

Heavy, hard, strong
Once used for wheel hubs, furniture parts,
veneer for baskets

Notes

Historically a common street tree, but
almost wiped out by Dutch Elm Disease

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Red Maple

Leaf

Deciduous leaves are 2 to 5 inches long
Has 3 to 5 pointed saw-toothed lobes
In autumn, leaves turn a brilliant shade of red or orange-yellow

Tree Description

Medium size, fast growing, reaches 90 feet tall

Bark

Smooth and light gray on young tree
Rough, scaly, dark gray on old limbs and trees

Wood

Heavy, close-grained, light brown color
Used for furniture, turned items, fuel

Notes

Also named Swamp Maple, Trident Maple,
Drummond Red Maple



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Pecan

Leaf

Deciduous leaves have 11 to 17 leaflets, lanceolate
Margins are finely-toothed and long-pointed

Tree Description

Large size, but can grow tall and slender in wooded settings
Up to 120 feet tall with trunk 4 feet in diameter

Bark

Gray-brown and smooth at first
Thin scales on older trees that flake off, creating a rough texture

Wood

Heavy and hard, but brittle and not strong
Used for flooring and cooking wood, especially for barbeques

Notes

State tree of Texas



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Loblolly Pine

Leaf

Evergreen needles in bundles of three, 5 to 10 inches long

Tree Description

Large, fast growing
Up to 125 feet tall with trunk 4 feet in diameter

Bark

Thick, dark red-brown to black flaky plates

Wood

Most commercially valuable southern pine,
coarse-grained
For lumber, posts, boxes, pulp, and many more uses

Notes

Southern Pine Beetle once damaged large pine stands that today are protected by sustainable management practices

Find more at <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/insects>



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Texas Ash

Leaf

Deciduous leaves with 5 oval or round leaflets
Dark green on top, lighter below

Tree Description

Medium sized, oval crown
Up to 45 feet tall with trunk 2 feet in diameter

Bark

Gray with brown or black blotches with interlocking flattened ridges

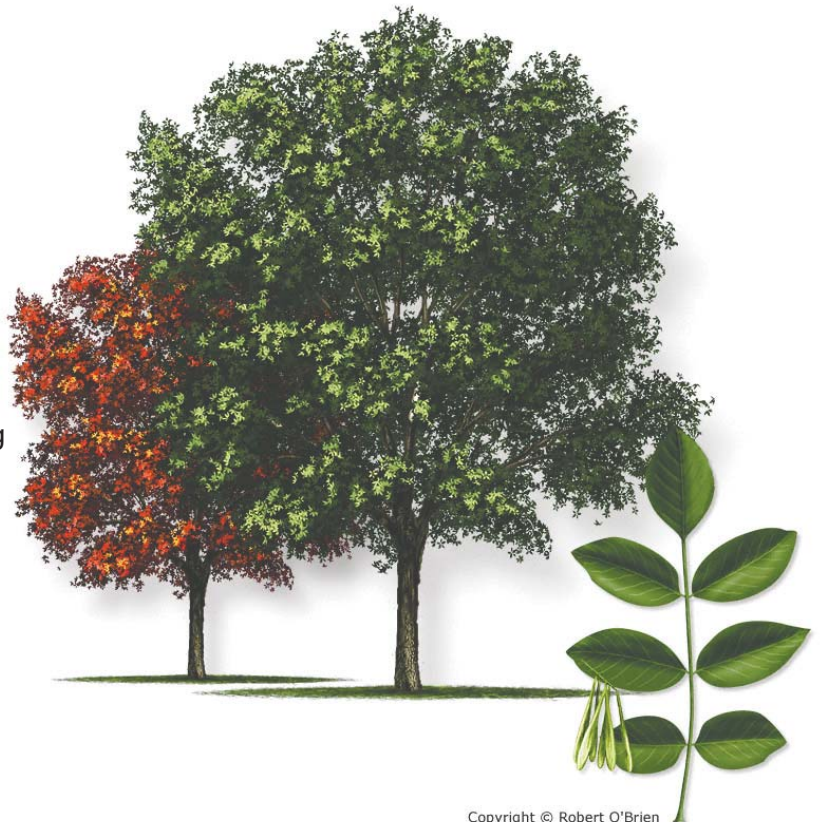
Wood

Light colored with brown heartwood
Used for firewood and flooring

Notes

Emerald Ash Borer is a threat to all ash species and has been recently discovered in Texas

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