



## WHITE ASH Fraxinus americana L.

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The **bark** pattern resembles a woven basket; it is broken into broad, parallel ridges by deep furrows, and is dark brown or deep gray.

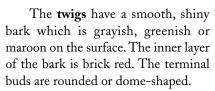
The **leaves** are opposite, 8–12 inches long and consist of 5–9 (usually 7) leaflets. The leaflets are 3–5 inches long, oval to lance-shape, borne on short stalks, edges remotely toothed towards the tip, dark green and often shiny on the upper surface. In fall, they turn to a soft, velvety purple.

The **fruit** is a single samara occurring in clusters. The seed body is cigarshaped and has a terminal wing.









The **wood** is hard, strong and tough. It is used for agricultural implements, tool handles, oars, furniture, interior finish, dowels, pulp and firewood, and sporting goods including baseball bats, hockey sticks and snowshoe frames.



MAINE REGISTER OF BIG TREES 2008 White Ash Circumference: 244" Height: 95' Crown Spread: 70' Location: South Waterford

White ash twigs are hairless and have deeply notched leaf scars.





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