

Boxelder

Acer negundo

Minnesota C-Value: 1
Wetland Indicator Status: FACW-
Native



Leaves: Opposite branching. 5 leaflets (sometimes 7). Less prosperous trees may have 3 leaflets. Form of leaves can be highly variable, depending on tree health and leaf location on the tree itself.

Stems: Can grow 50-75 ft tall with a 2-4 ft trunk diameter. Bark variable with age.

Flowers and fruit: Fruit is a winged samara 3-4.5 cm in length.

Plant communities: Aggressive native species, commonly found along streams and floodplains, and frequently in disturbed areas.

Comments: Young saplings that exhibit only 3 leaflets can sometimes be confused for poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*). Poison ivy will often have a glossy sheen and its leaves will be alternate.



Bark pictured: oldest (left) to youngest (right).