

Emerald Ash Borers are green beetles from Asia that kill Ash trees when their larvae chew under the bark.



The chewing cuts off sap between the leaves and the roots, causing leaves and branches to die. Some signs are split bark and woodpecker feeding. Using binoculars helps see these signs of death. Tree death starts slowly, but once half the branches are dead, the tree usually dies completely the next year. Dead Ash branches are brittle, likely to break in storms, falling on people, cars and houses.

Here's what Ash trees look like.



1. Leaves are compound and composed of 5 to 11 leaflets.



2. Seeds on female trees are paddle shaped.



3. Branches and buds are in pairs directly across from each other (opposite branching).



4. Mature bark has diamond-shaped ridges.

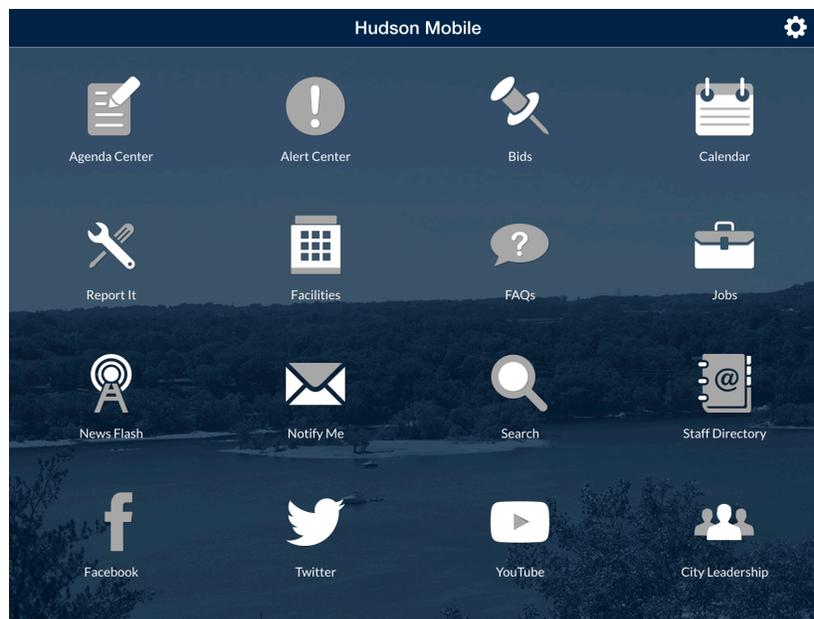
Ash trees are somewhat similar to confusing look-alike Box Elder, Mountain Ash, Butternut or Maple trees.



The City of Hudson has a plan for public Ash trees in parks and the boulevard strips between streets and sidewalks. Two years ago the City began planting other species of trees. The City also started treating with insecticide about a hundred of the larger Ash trees in parks. We have a count of the City's trees, by species and location. About 25% or 1300 City trees are Ash. As Ash trees die in large numbers the wood will be gathered at a staging site for chipping to produce energy.



From May 1-15 the Urban Forestry Board seeks information about private Ash trees. Kids in the Hudson School District are asked to count the Ash trees in their yards and enter the count at the website. The web form has places to insert the number of Ash trees and their diameter, for example 3 trees of diameter 0-5 inches and 1 tree of 20+ inches. Information about private Ash trees in neighboring communities will be passed along to them.



The City's Urban Forestry Board wants to help people deal with their private Ash trees. Getting an estimate of the number and size of private Ash trees will improve planning. Visit <http://www.ci.hudson.wi.us> or download the free mobile app "Hudson Mobile" from the Apple Store or Google Play. If you register you will receive tree information emails when available.

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