

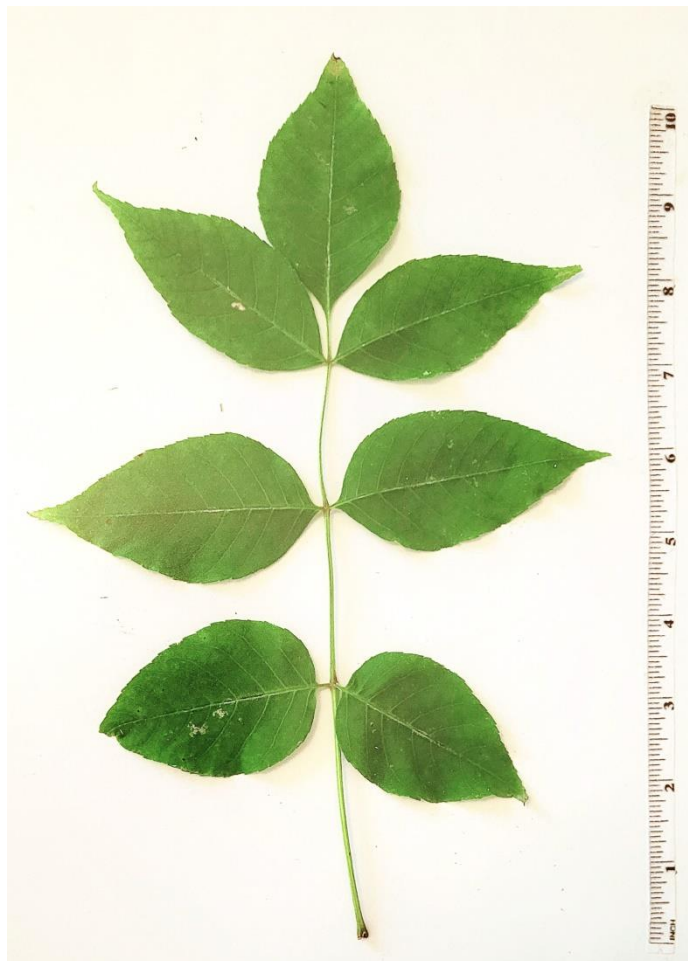
Blue Ash (*Fraxinus quadrangulata*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Occasional.

Characteristics: Reaches 100 feet tall, up to 3 feet in diameter; crown irregular, with many short, sturdy branches; it has distinctive winged twigs that look and feel square; bark grayish, shaggy with loose scaly plates; flowers purplish, small, in branched clusters, appearing as leaves start to unfold; fruit oblong, winged samara, up to 2 inches long, carrying a single seed.

Leaves: Opposite, pinnately compound, with 5-11 similar leaflets, each up to 6 inches long; edges finely toothed; dark yellowish green, paler beneath, hairy on main vein beneath or hairless.



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Notes: Sometimes planted as an ornamental. Wood is used for the same types of items as White Ash and Green Ash. It is durable but is more brittle. Blue Ash is far less susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer attack than White or Green Ash. The tagged tree is young and small, but there are some huge individuals deep in the park.