

Amur Corktree (*Phellodendron amurense*)

Origin: East Asia.

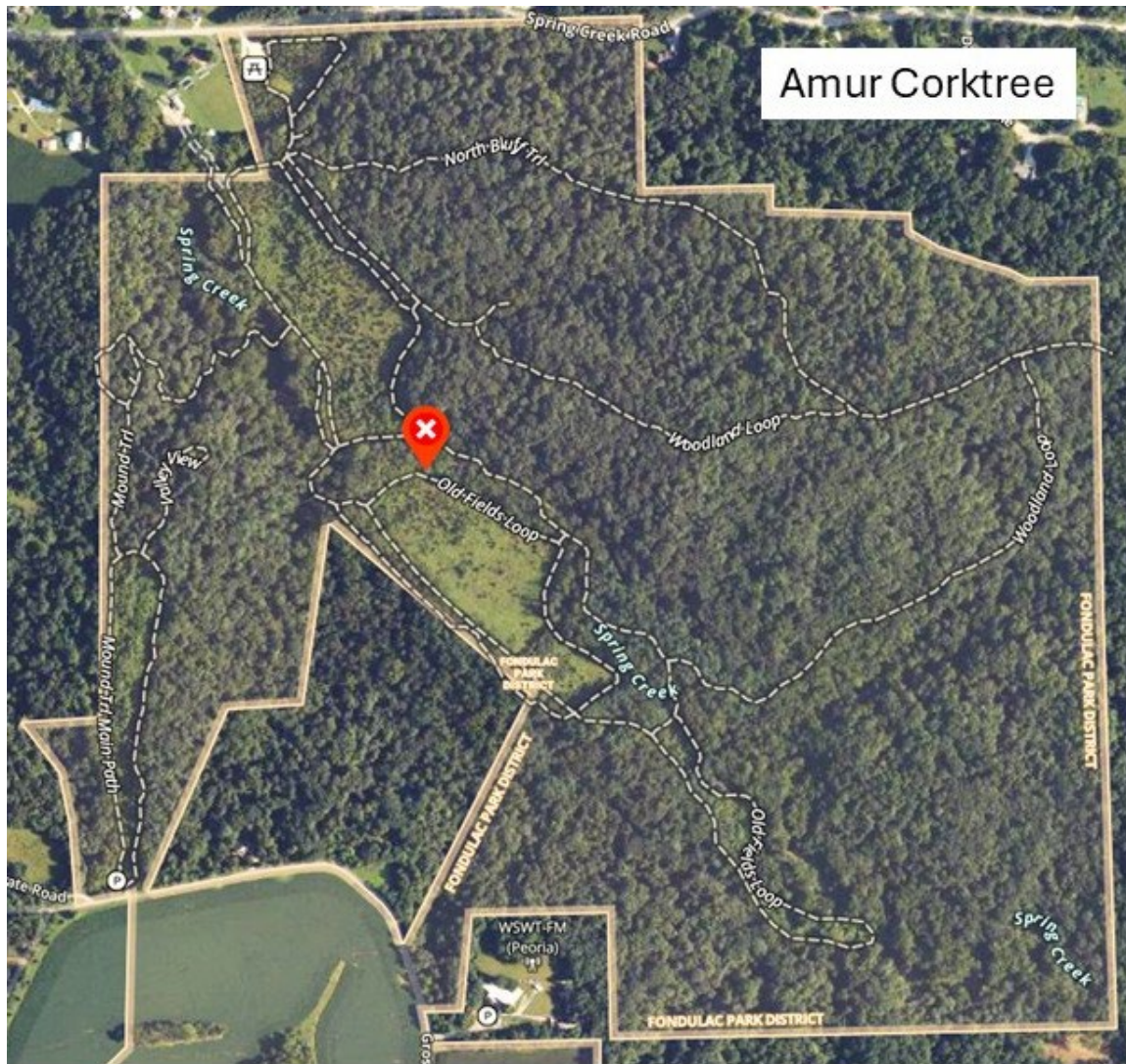
Status in Park: Rare, only a few trees known but is considered as invasive in some localities.

Characteristics: Medium-size tree, 25-50 feet tall and 1-2 feet in diameter; crowns open and broad (wider than high); bark pale yellowish gray, deeply furrowed with thick, corky ridges; twigs yellowish, coarse; male and female flowers borne on separate trees and are yellowish-green, about ¼ inch long, in branched clusters at branch tips, in May; fruits are blue-black berry-like drupes, with strong turpentine scent, in erect clusters at branch tips, seeds are hard stones within the berries.

Leaves: Opposite, pinnately compound, 8-15 inches long, with 5-13 leaflets, glossy dark green, with small translucent dots, pale and grayish beneath, hairless except for leaf edges and base of main vein, leaflets with smooth edges and tapered to a point of about ¼ inch.



Location of tagged tree:



Notes: Originally introduced as an ornamental and for city buffer strips, does well in Central Illinois, has rarely escaped to natural areas.