



Elaeagnus angustifolia

Russian Olive

Elaeagnaceae

BEST ID: Silvery tomentose covering on one side of branch, thorns

LEAF: Alternate, simple, oblong-lanceolate to linear-lanceolate, 1-4" long, entire

PROBLEMS: Leaf spots, cankers, rusts, verticillium wilt, crown gall, oleaste-thistle aphid,

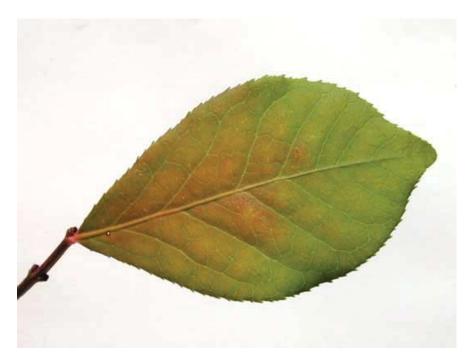
scales

SOIL PREFERENCE: Light sandy loam, but adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES:

NATIVE HABITAT: Europe, Asia

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
	Globose	20	20	3	N	M	F







Euonymus alatus

Winged Euonymus

Celastraceae

BEST ID: Greenish-brown stem with corky wings

LEAF: Opposite to subopposite, simple, elliptic to obovate, 1-3" long, 1/2-1 1/4" wide,

serrate

PROBLEMS: None serious

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained; adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Beautiful bright red fall color. Excellent landscape plant.

NATIVE HABITAT: Asia

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
11	Spreading	15	15	3	N	M	F







Euonymus kiautschovicus

Spreading Euonymus

Celastraceae

BEST ID: Large shrub, leaves green back and front

LEAF: Simple, opposite, evergreen or semi-evergreen, 2-3"

long, crenate-serrulate, broad-elliptic or obovate to oblong

PROBLEMS: Usually resistant to euonymus scale

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained

NOTES: Typically used for screens, hedges, or massing

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
	Upright	10	10	5	N	M	P



Forsythia x intermedia

Forsythia

Oleaceae

BEST ID: Yellowish-brown stem, prominent lenticels, square or 4-sided

LEAF: Opposite, simple, serrate, ovate-oblong to oblong-lanceolate, 3-5" long

PROBLEMS: Crown gall, leaf spot, dieback, four-lined plant bug, Japanese weevil, root-knot

nematode, spider mite

SOIL PREFERENCE: Adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Flower buds not as cold hardy as vegetative buds

NATIVE HABITAT: Asia

LAB FORM DIA. **HEIGHT ZONE** pН MOIST. **SUN** Spreading 6 12 10 5 N M F







Fraxinus americana

White Ash

Oleaceae

BEST ID: Rust-colored, downy buds partly surrounded by leaf scar; shorter, stouter seeds

compared to Green Ash

LEAF: Opposite, pinnately compound, 8-15" long, 5-9 leaflets 2-4" long, 1-3" wide,

ovate to ovate-lanceolate

PROBLEMS: Leaf rust, leaf spot, canker, dieback, ash borer, webworm, ash yellow

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained, deep

NOTES:

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
	Spreading	120	120	3	N	M	F







Fraxinus pennsylvanica

Green Ash

Oleaceae

BEST ID: Leaf scar shaped like a half moon. Buds above leaf scar

LEAF: Opposite, pinnately compound, 12" long, 5-9 leaflets 2-5" long and 1" wide,

ovate to oblong-lanceolate

PROBLEMS: Fall webworm, ash borer, scale

SOIL PREFERENCE: Adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Drought and pH tolerant; found in wet sites in its native habitat

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
6	Pyramidal	30	60	3	N	M	F



Ginkgo biloba

Maidenhair Tree

Ginkgoaceae

BEST ID: Fan-shaped leaves

LEAF: Alternate, simple, fan-shaped, 2-3" long and wide

PROBLEMS: Leaf spot; none serious

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained; sandy, deep; adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Messy, foul smelling fruit can be a problem; tolerant of air pollution

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
4	Upright	50	100	4	N	M	F





Hedera helix

English Ivy

Araliaceae

BEST ID: Ovate to rhombic, 3-5 lobed leaves, grown as a ground cover or climbing vine

LEAF: Simple, alternte, evergreen, 3-5 lobed on juvenile shoots; adult leaves

ovate to rhombic, entire

PROBLEMS: Bacterial leaf spot, canker, powdery mildew, leaf spot, mealybug, aphids, scale,

caterpillars, two-spotted mite

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained, rich, organic

NOTES: Cold hardy climbing vine also used as in indoor plant.

NATIVE HABITAT: Europe

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
11	Trailing			4	N	M	F







Hibiscus syriacus

Rose of Sharon

Malvaceae

BEST ID: Many round buds with stipules at twig tip

LEAF: Alternate, simple, ovate or rhombic-ovate, 2-4" long, palmately veined, 3-lobed,

toothed

PROBLEMS: Leaf spot, bacterial leaf spot, blights, canker, rust, aphids, Japanese beetle,

mining scale, foliar nematodes

SOIL PREFERENCE: Adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Tolerant of summer heat

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
4	Upright	6	10	4	N	M	F







Hydrangea quercifolia

Oakleaf Hydrangea

Hydrangeaceae

BEST ID: Large, tomentose, cinnamon-brown buds; tomentose, cinnamon-brown stem

LEAF: Opposite, simple, resembles an oak leaf, 3-7 lobes, 3-8" long

PROBLEMS: Leaf blight; none serious

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained; adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Oklahoma Proven Shrub 1999

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
6	Globose	10	8	5	A	M	P





Ilex cornuta

Chinese Holly

Aquifoliaceae

BEST ID: Leaves sometimes a perfect square, oblong-rectangular, 3 spines at apex, 1-2 on

each side at base

LEAF: Simple, alternate, evergreen, short-stalked, 1-4" long, 1-3" wide, oblong-

rectangular, 3 spines at apex, 1-2 spines on each side at base

PROBLEMS: Scale

SOIL PREFERENCE: Adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Heat tolerant, pH adaptable, one of the toughest broad-leaf evergreens for

Oklahoma

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
10	Globose	15	13	6	A	M	F





Ilex crenata

Japanese Holly

Aquifoliaceae

BEST ID: Small leaves dotted beneath with blackish glands

LEAF: Simple, alternate, evergreen, short-stalked, elliptic or obovate to oblong-

lanceolate, 1/2-1" long, crenate-serrulate, dotted beneath with blackish glands

PROBLEMS: Spider mites, nematodes

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained

NOTES: Chlorosis in high pH soils

NATIVE HABITAT: Japan

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
10	Globose	10	10	5	A	M	F





Juniperus chinensis 'Keteleerii'

Chinese Juniper

Cupressaceae

BEST ID:

LEAF: Scale-like, pointed, overlapping, rhombic in outline;

juvenile awl-shaped, 1/3" long

PROBLEMS: Phomopsis and Kabatina blights; relatively trouble-free

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained; pH adaptable

NOTES: Common in midwestern landscapes

NATIVE HABITAT: China

LAB FORM DIA. HEIGHT ZONE pH MOIST. SUN

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Juniperus horizontalis 'Blue Rug'

Creeping Juniper

Cupressaceae

BEST ID: Soft to the touch

LEAF: Soft-textured, glaucous, scale-like, 1/16" long, in 4 ranks, ovate to oblong,

pointed

PROBLEMS: Phomopsis blight, spider mites

SOIL PREFERENCE: Adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: One of the most popular ground cover junipers in U.S; may turn purplish in

winter

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
	Spreading	8	1	4	N	M	F



Juniperus x media 'Pfitzeriana'

Pfitzer Juniper

Cupressaceae

BEST ID: Large shrub with male cones and branches ascending at a 45 degree angle

LEAF: Two types; scale like, awl-shaped; main branches emerge at 45 degree angle

PROBLEMS: Phomopsis and Kabatina blights

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained; adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: uniperus x media is best described as a group of hybrid shrubs. We will use

'Pfitzeriana' to designate male cultivars in this group of hybrids.

NATIVE HABITAT: Garden

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
	Spreading	20	6	3	N	M	F







Koelreuteria paniculata

Golden-Rain Tree

Sapindaceae

BEST ID: Fruit a 3-valved, dehiscent, papery capsule

LEAF: Alternate, pinnate or bipinnately compound, 6-18" long, 7-15 leaflets;

each leaflet ovate to ovate-oblong, 1-4" long, crenate-serrate

PROBLEMS: Coral-spot fungus, leaf spot, canker, wilt, root rot, nematode; none serious

SOIL PREFERENCE: Adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Tolerates drought, heat, and high pH

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
10	Globose	40	40	4	N	M	F







Lagerstroemia indica

Crapemyrtle

Lythraceae

BEST ID: Fruit, 6-valved dehiscent capsule persiting through winter

LEAF: Opposite, the upper alternate, or in whorls of 3, simple, 1-3" long, 3/4-1 1/2"

wide, entire, elliptic or obovate to oblong

PROBLEMS: Powdery mildew, black spot, sooty mold, tip blight, leaf spot, root rot, aphids,

Japanese beetle, Asian ambrosia beetle,

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained

NOTES: Drought-tolerant

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
6	Upright	15	20	7	N	M	F





Ligustrum japonicum

Japanese Privet

Oleaceae

BEST ID: Thick green sub-opposite leaves

LEAF: Simple, opposite, ovate, 2-4" long, 2" wide, entire

PROBLEMS: None serious

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained; adapted to most soil conditions

NOTES: Salt tolerant

NATIVE HABITAT: Japan

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
	Spreading	12	12	7-10	N	M	F







Liquidambar styraciflua

Sweetgum

Hamamelidaceae

BEST ID: Fruit, spiny gumballs; star-shaped leaves

LEAF: Alternate, simple, 4-7" long and wide, star-shaped, 5-7 serrate lobes

PROBLEMS: Leafspots, bleeding necrosis, webworm,

caterpillers, cottony-cushion scale, sweetgum scale, walnut scale

SOIL PREFERENCE: Adapted to many soil conditions

NOTES: Iron chlorosis can be a problem on high pH soils; difficult to transplant. Fruit a

maintenance problem. 'Rotundiloba' is fruitless.

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
4	Pyramidal	45	120	5	A	M	F







Liriodendron tulipifera

Tulip Tree

Magnoliaceae

BEST ID: Seed formed on a cone-like aggregate of samaras; the central core persists

through winter

LEAF: Alternate, simple, 4-6" long and wide

PROBLEMS: Aphid, scale, canker, powdery mildew, verticillum wilt

SOIL PREFERENCE: Well-drained; deep, loam

NOTES: Leaf yellowing is a common problem when water is inadequate; fast growth rate

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
7	Globose	100	200	4	A	M	F

Liriope muscari

Lily Turf (Monkey Grass) Liliaceae

BEST ID:

LEAF:

PROBLEMS:

SOIL PREFERENCE:

NOTES:

LAB	FORM	DIA.	HEIGHT	ZONE	pН	MOIST.	SUN
	Upright		1.5	6	N	M	P