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Fraxinus pennsylvanica

Red Ash



Also called green ash. An extremely adaptable tree, red ash is native to wetlands and stream banks, but will grow almost anywhere, tolerating all types of soil. Transplants easily spring or fall. Red ash grows about two-thirds as wide as it is tall. Its leaves are glossy green in the summer and bright golden yellow in the fall. Pale brown, winged seeds may hang in clusters on the tree all winter. They are pretty, but the hundreds of seedlings they produce can be a nuisance. The ashes are quite susceptible to disease and insect problems.

Suggested companions: bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), pin oak (*Quercus palustris*), swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*), redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

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Plant Type: Tree
Size: 50-75' H
35-50' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist

Flower Color:
Purple

Bloom Time:
April
May

Other Attributes:

Fall color
Bird attracting
Butterfly attracting

Habitat:
Forested Wetland

Exposure: sun

Plant in:

Groundcover: No