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Zanthoxylum americanum

Prickly Ash



Tall shrub or small, multi-stemmed tree. Very spiny branches. Glossy, dark-green pinnately compound leaves, aromatic when crushed. Golden yellow in fall. Small yellow-green flowers in May before or with new leaves. Bright red berries in drooping clusters. Suckers prolifically; tends to form dense thickets. Transplants well.

Suggested companions: shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), pignut hickory (*Carya glabra*), black cherry (*Prunus serotina*), sumac (*Rhus* sp.)

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Plant Type: Small Tree
Size: 9-15' H
9-18' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:
Yellow
Green

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:
May

Other Attributes:
Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color