A guide to the Trees and Shrubs of University Farm

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Important notes on this guide

- This is an introductory guide to the native and introduced tree and shrub species of University farm.
- It attempts to provide baseline information that will be useful to anyone wishing to learn more about the trees and shrubs found here.
- The physical descriptions are of major identifying characters; though a good hand lens is advisable.
- Some plants can be harmful, indicated by boxes.
- Make sure you have a good field guide in hand before setting off to discover the trees and shrubs of the farm!
Important notes on this guide

- There are a few trees and shrubs of the farm that are of conservation concern, being defined as follows:
  - **Endangered:** A species in immediate danger of disappearing from Ohio.
  - **Threatened:** A species that, with increased or continued danger, will become endangered.
  - **Species of Concern:** A species that, with increased or continued danger, will become threatened.

- Additionally, there are many trees and shrubs that are not native to this area. In all cases, these plants were carried to an area that they did not originally occur in. However, some of these plants were carried to the farm, while others were carried to other areas and have since been able to expand their ranges to include the farm. Some of these plants are confined to where humans have carried them, others are reproducing on their own in the vicinity of where they were carried, and still others have been able to reproduce and expand into the native habitat. For simplicity, all of these plants are treated as **introduced** in this guide.
**Picea abies**

**Norway Spruce**

- **Class Pinopsida**
  - **Order Pinales**
    - **Family Pinaceae**
- **Leaves:** dark green needles; 4 angled; on all sides of twigs
- **Fruit:** cone; 10-15cm long; hanging down
- **Bark:** red-brown; scaly
- **Height:** to 24m
**Picea engelmannii**

Engleman Spruce

- **Class** Pinopsida
  - **Order** Pinales
    - **Family** Pinaceae

- **Leaves**: blue-green needles; 4 angled; on all sides of twigs

- **Fruit**: violet cone; 3-8cm long; drooping down

- **Bark**: gray or red/brown

- **Height**: to 45m

[Image](http://www.forestryimages.org/images/3072x2048/1359032.jpg)
Picea glauca
White Spruce

- Class Pinopsida
  - Order Pinales
    - Family Pinaceae

- Leaves: blue-green needles; 4 angled; mostly on upper side of twigs; skunk odor when crushed

- Fruit: cone; 3-6cm long; light brown; at end of twigs

- Height: to 30m
Picea pungens
Blue Spruce

- Class Pinopsida
  - Order Pinales
    - Family Pinaceae
- Leaves: silvery-blue needles; acidic taste
- Fruit: cone; 5-10cm long; flexible scales
- Bark: gray to red/brown
- Height: to 24m

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http://www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/carr/images/pic_pun.jpg
**Pinus resinosa**

**Red Pine**

- **Class**: Pinopsida
- **Order**: Pinales
- **Family**: Pinaceae

- **Leaves**: long, dark green needles; in bunches of 2
- **Fruit**: cone; 4-6cm long; egg-shaped; light brown
- **Bark**: red/brown or gray; broad, flat, thick scaly plates
- **Height**: to 24m

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**Pinus strobus**  
**Eastern White Pine**

- Class Pinopsida
  - Order Pinales
    - Family Pinaceae
- Leaves: long needles in bundles of 5, on branches that are horizontal, opposite and whorled
- Fruit: cone; 10-20cm long; yellow-brown; thin scales
- Bark: gray; narrow scaly ridges
- Height: to 33m
**Tsuga canadensis**

Canada Hemlock

- **Class** Pinopsida
  - **Order** Pinales
    - **Family** Pinaceae

- **Leaves:** dark green needles with two white bands beneath; round tip; in 2 rows

- **Fruit:** cones; 1-2cm long; egg-shaped; rounded scales

- **Bark:** cinnamon; broad, scaly ridges

- **Height:** to 21m
Juniperus sp.  
Juniper

- **Class** Pinopsida
  - **Order** Pinales
    - **Family** Cupressaceae
- **Leaves**: scale-like needles; in opposite pairs or alternating whorls; **very sharp**
- **Fruit**: fleshy cone; 3-20mm long; berry-like
- **Bark**: variable
- **Height**: up to 40m, but most are shrubs or small trees

CAUTION: Sharp needles
Juniperus communis
Common Juniper

- Class: Pinopsida
  - Order: Pinales
    - Family: Cupressaceae
- Leaves: needles; whitish above; yellow-green beneath; very sharp
- Fruit: fleshy cone; 1cm long; whitish-blue; berry-like
- Bark: red-brown; “shreddy”
- Height: to 2m

CAUTION: Sharp needles

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**Thuja occidentalis**

**Arbor Vitae, Northern White Cedar**

- Class Pinopsida
  - Order Pinales
    - Family Cupressaceae
- Leaves: scale-like needles; yellow-green above; blue-green below; in 4 rows
- Fruit: cone; 1 cm long; elliptical; scales leathery and blunt pointed
- Bark: red-brown; “shreddy”
- Height: to 21 m

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**Liriodendron tulipifera**

**Tulip Tree**

- **Class Magnoliopsida**
  - Order Magnoliales
  - Family Magnoliaceae
- **Leaves:** alternate; 4-6 points; hairless; resemble a tulip
- **Fruit:** fleshy; cone-like; 6-8cm long
- **Bark:** light gray with deep furrows on straight trunk
- **Height:** to 37m
Magnolia acuminata
Cucumber Tree, Cucumber Magnolia

- Class Magnoliopsida
  - Order Magnoliales
    - Family Magnoliaceae
- Leaves: alternate; elliptical; abrupt point at tip; soft white hairs beneath; 10-25cm long
- Fruit: fleshy; cone-like; dark red; 6-8cm long
- Bark: dark brown with narrow, forking ridges
- Height: to 24m
Magnolia fraseri
Mountain Magnolia

- **Class** Magnoliopsida
  - **Order** Magnoliales
    - **Family** Magnoliaceae

- **Leaves:** alternate; broadest beyond middle; narrow base with 2 lobes; hairless; paler below

- **Fruit:** fleshy; cone-like; rose red in color; 10-13cm long

- **Bark:** light gray; smooth to somewhat scaly; thin

- **Height:** to 21m

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Lindera benzoin
Spicebush

- Class Magnoliopsida
  - Order Laurales
    - Family Lauraceae
- Leaves: alternate; dark green; oval; fragrant when crushed
- Fruit: drupe (fruit with a single seed); shiny red berry
- Bark: light brown
- Height: to 3m; many trunked shrub
**Sassafras albidum**

**Sassafras**

- **Class Magnoliopsida**
  - **Order Laurales**
    - **Family Lauraceae**
- **Leaves:** alternate; 3 distinct shapes (3-fingered, mitten with thumb, oval)
- **Fruit:** blue-black berries in a red cup on a red stalk
- **Bark:** gray brown; furrowed when older
- **Height:** to 18m

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**Hamamelis virginiana**

*Witch Hazel*

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - **Order Saxifragales**
  - **Family Hamamelidaceae**
- **Leaves**: alternate; wavy teeth; uneven base; 5-7 straight veins on each side of midrib
- **Fruit**: elliptical capsule with 4 sharp curved points
- **Bark**: light brown; lightly scaly or smooth
- **Height**: to 9m; many trunks

[Image: USDA NRCS PLANTS Database]
**Liquidambar styraciflua**

**Sweetgum**

- **Class**: Rosopsida
  - **Order**: Saxifragales
    - **Family**: Hamamelidaceae
- **Leaves**: alternate; star-shaped with 5-7 points; finely toothed
- **Fruit**: long-stalked, drooping brown ball
- **Bark**: gray; narrow scaly ridges
- **Height**: to 30m

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Euonymus europaea
European Spindle-tree

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Celastrales
    - **Family** Celastraceae
- **Leaves:** opposite; ovate; finely toothed; dull green; hairless
- **Fruit:** pink/red, lobed capsule with orange seeds
- **Bark:** greenish red when young; gray-brown when older
- **Height:** to 9m

**CAUTION:** possibly poisonous
Euonymus fortunei
Winter Creeper

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Celastrales
    - Family Celastraceae
- Leaves: opposite; evergreen; finely toothed; variable green/yellow coloration; silvery-white veins
- Fruit: small, somewhat orange, splitting capsules
- Bark: green with aerial roots
- Height: variable; vining shrub

CAUTION: possibly poisonous

http://www.saengerhof.de/garden/kletter-euonymus%20fortunei.jpg
Euonymus hamiltonianus
Chinese Spindle Tree

- Class Rosopsida
- Order Celastrales
- Family Celastraceae
- Leaves: opposite; dark green; red-purple in fall
- Fruit: small, pink, splitting capsule
- Bark: dark brown; smooth
- Height: to 4m

CAUTION: possibly poisonous

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http://www.mitomori.co.jp/hanazukan/image/ki116mayumi.jpg
Euonymus obovatus
Running Strawberry Bush

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Celastrales
  - Family Celastraceae

- Leaves: obvate; green with curving, purplish veins

- Fruit: red/orange capsules

- Bark: gray/brown; somewhat rough

- Height: to 30cm

CAUTION: possibly poisonous

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Populus deltoides
Cottonwood

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
    - Family Salicaceae
- Leaves: alternate; broad; flattened base; abruptly pointed tip; flat petiole
- Fruit: elliptical capsules with fluffy, white seeds
- Bark: yellow-green when young; dark and furrowed when older
- Height: to 30m
Populus grandidentata
Big-Tooth Aspen

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
    - Family Salicaceae
- Leaves: alternate; broad; coarse curving teeth; rounded at base; flat petiole
- Fruit: light green conical capsules with fluffy, white seeds
- Bark: green when young; dark with scaly ridges when older
- Height: to 18m
Salix babylonica
Weeping Willow

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
  - Family Salicaceae
- Leaves: alternate; narrow lance shape; fine teeth; whitish beneath
- Fruit: 1mm long light brown capsules
- Bark: gray; roughly furrowed in branching ridges
- Height: to 12m

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Salix discolor

Large Pussywillow

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
  - Family Salicaceae
- Leaves: alternate; lance shaped; irregular, wavy teeth; shiny green above; whitish beneath
- Fruit: 1cm long light brown, slightly hairy capsules
- Bark: gray; scaly; many trunks
- Height: to 6m
Salix fragilis
Crack Willow

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
  - Family Salicaceae
- Leaves: alternate; lance shape; narrow pointed tip turns to side; coarse teeth
- Fruit: 5mm long light brown capsules
- Bark: gray; rough; furrowed into narrow ridges
- Height: to 24m
Salix nigra
Black Willow

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
  - Family Salicaceae
- Leaves: narrow lance shaped; finely toothed
- Fruit: 5mm long red-brown capsules
- Bark: dark brown or black; furrowed into scaly, branching ridges
- Height: to 30m

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**Salix sericea**
Silky Willow

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - Order Malpighiales
    - Family Salicaceae

- Leaves: alternate; narrow lance shape; very fine teeth; silky hair below

- Fruit: small brownish capsules with silky hairs

- Bark: gray; furrowed

- Height: to 3m (shrub)
**Hypericum kalmianum**

**Kalm’s St. John’s Wort**

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Malpighiales
  - **Family** Clusiaceae

- **Leaves**: opposite; oblong; translucent dots below

- **Fruit**: brown; produced by large, yellow flowers

- **Bark**: papery and peeling; branches 4-sided

- **Height**: to 1m

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**Hypericum mutilum**

**Dwarf St. John’s Wort**

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - Order Malpighiales
  - Family Clusiaceae
- **Leaves:** opposite; oblong; somewhat pointed at tip, but sometimes rounded;
- **Fruit:** brown; produced by small yellow flowers
- **Bark:** brown; somewhat peeling
- **Height:** to 1m

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Hypericum perforatum
Common St. John’s Wort

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
    - Family Clusiaceae
- Leaves: opposite; oblong; translucent dots throughout
- Fruit: brown; produced by large, orange-yellow flowers black dots on petal edges
- Bark: two raised lines on stem, making it look to be pressed flat
- Height: to 1m

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**Hypericum punctatum**  
**Spotted St. John’s Wort**

- **Class** Rosopsida  
  - **Order** Malpighiales  
  - **Family** Clusiaceae
- **Leaves**: opposite; oblong; black dots
- **Fruit**: brown; produced by large, yellow flowers black dots on back of petals
- **Bark**: tan; somewhat square
- **Height**: to 1m

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Hypericum spathulatum
Shrubby St. John’s Wort

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malpighiales
  - Family Clusiaceae

- Leaves: opposite; oblong-lanceolate; small, white tip

- Fruit: brown; produced by large yellow flowers clustered on terminal ends of branches

- Bark: gray/brown; peeling

- Height: to 2m
**Crataegus flabellata**
**Fanleaf Hawthorn**

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - **Order Rosales**
    - **Family Rosaceae**
- **Leaves:** alternate; broad; rounded at base; double saw toothed
- **Fruit:** rounded; red; in drooping clusters; apple-like
- **Bark:** scaly; brown/gray; curved spines on twigs
- **Height:** to 6m

CAUTION: Sharp spines
Crataegus monogynath
English Hawthorn

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae
- Leaves: alternate; broad; deeply lobed; 2-4cm long
- Fruit: small, oval, red apple-like fruit; in drooping clusters
- Bark: brown with vertical orange cracks; large, straight spines on twigs
- Height: to 14m
**Malus baccata**

**Siberian Crabapple**

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae
- Leaves: alternate; fine teeth; elliptical; pinnate venation
- Fruit: small, red-yellow apple
- Bark: gray/brown; scaly
- Height: to 9m
Malus coronaria
Wild Crab Apple

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae

- Leaves: alternate; ovate; saw-toothed; red hairs when young; yellow-green above; paler beneath

- Fruit: small, yellow-green apple

- Bark: reddish-brown; scaly

- Height: to 9m
**Malus sylvestris**
Common Apple

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae
- Leaves: alternate; ovate; wavy teeth; gray hairs beneath
- Fruit: red or yellow apple
- Bark: gray; scaly
- Height: to 12m

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**Prunus americana**

**Wild Plum**

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Rosales
    - **Family** Rosaceae
- **Leaves**: alternate; elliptical; long tip; double saw toothed; sunken veins above
- **Fruit**: plum; thick red skin with edible flesh and large “stone” in center
- **Bark**: dark brown; scaly
- **Height**: to 9m

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Prunus avium
Sweet Cherry

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae

- Leaves: alternate; ovate; abrupt point at tip; blunt double saw teeth; white hairs on veins beneath

- Fruit: 2.5cm cherry with red/purple skin

- Bark: red/brown; peeling

- Height: to 21m

CAUTION: Poisonous to Livestock

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Prunus pensylvanica
Pin Cherry

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae
- Leaves: alternate; broad lance shape; long point; fine teeth; petiole with two dots near tip
- Fruit: 6mm red cherry
- Bark: red-gray; scaly plates
- Height: to 9m

CAUTION: Poisonous to Livestock

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Prunus serotina
Black Cherry

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae
- Leaves: alternate; elliptical; 2 red glands at base; fine, blunt teeth; midrib hairy beneath
- Fruit: 1cm red/black cherry
- Bark: dark gray; irregular cracks and scales
- Height: to 24m
Prunus virginiana
Choke Cherry

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae
- Leaves: elliptical; fine, sharp teeth; 2 glandular dots on petiole
- Fruit: 1cm red/black cherry; bitter taste
- Bark: brown/gray; slightly scaly
- Height: to 6m

CAUTION: Poisonous to Livestock

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**Rosa multiflora**
Multiflora Rose

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rosaceae
- Leaves: alternate; compound with 7-9 leaflets; bright green
- Fruits: small, egg-shaped hip; in dense clusters
- Bark: brown; **dense**, sharp spines on branches
- Height: to 3m (shrub)

**CAUTION:**
Sharp spines

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**Sorbus aucuparia**

**European Mountain Ash**

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Rosales
  - **Family** Rosaceae
- **Leaves:** alternate; compound with 9-17 leaflets; white hairs beneath
- **Fruit:** dense clusters of small, red, apple-like fruits
- **Bark:** dark gray; horizontal lines; aromatic
- **Height:** to 12m

[Image of Sorbus aucuparia](http://caliban.mpiz-koeln.mpg.de/~stueber/thome/band3/tafel_106_small.jpg)
**Rhamnus cathartica**

**Common Buckthorn**

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Rosales
    - **Family** Rhamnaceae
- **Leaves**: mostly opposite; broad; elliptical; small, wavy teeth; pale beneath; curving secondary veins
- **Fruit**: small; black; berry-like; 4 seeds; bitter taste
- **Bark**: brown; peeling to reveal reddish inner bark
- **Height**: to 6m

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Rhamnus frangula
Glossy Buckthorn

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Rhamnaceae
- Leaves: alternate; no teeth; shiny dark green above; straight secondary veins
- Fruit: small; berry-like; turning from red to black; 2-3 seeds
- Bark: gray; cracked; warty
- Height: to 6m

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Ulmus americana
American Elm

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Rosales
    - Family Ulmaceae
- Leaves: alternate; in 2 rows; base rounded and uneven; double toothed; somewhat rough above
- Fruit: 1cm long, 1 seeded samara; hair on wing edges
- Bark: gray; broad, forking ridges
- Height: to 30m
Ulmus rubra
Red Elm, Slippery Elm

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - **Order Rosales**
    - **Family Ulmaceae**

- **Leaves**: alternate; in 2 rows; sharply uneven base; double toothed; very rough above; dense, soft hairs beneath

- **Fruit**: 2cm long, 1 seeded samara; green, hairless wing

- **Bark**: dark brown; inner bark soft, moist, slimy

- **Height**: to 21m

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**Morus alba**

**White Mullberry**

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Rosales
    - **Family** Moraceae
- **Leaves**: alternate; in 2 rows; ovate; 3 main veins; coarsely toothed; long petiole
- **Fruit**: purple/white mulberry; clusters of many small, sweet fruits
- **Bark**: tan-brown; scaly ridges
- **Height**: to 12m

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Castanea dentata
American Chestnut

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Fagaceae

- Leaves: alternate; numerous straight, parallel side veins; curved teeth; yellow-green above

- Fruit: 5-6cm diameter bur, containing 2-3 chestnuts

- Bark: gray/brown; flat ridges

- Height: to 6m; formerly to 30m
**Fagus grandifolia**

**American Beech**

- **Class**: Rosopsida
  - **Order**: Fagales
  - **Family**: Fagaceae
- **Leaves**: alternate; in 2 rows; side veins straight, parallel, with one tooth at end
- **Fruit**: brown, prickly burs; usually containing 2 nuts
- **Bark**: smooth, thin, gray; long tan buds on twigs
- **Height**: to 24m
Quercus alba
Eastern White Oak

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Fagaceae
- Leaves: alternate; 5-9 rounded lobes with deep sinuses; hairless
- Fruit: 1-3cm long acorn; shallow cup
- Bark: gray; broken into large, broad, scaly, loose plates
- Height: to 30m
Quercus palustris
Pin Oak

- Class Rosopsida
- Order Fagales
- Family Fagaceae

- Leaves: alternate; 5-7 sharp lobes with very deep sinuses; shiny dark green above
- Fruit: 1cm long acorns; almost spherical
- Bark: dark gray; hard; with uneven, narrow ridges
- Height: to 27m

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Quercus rubra
Northern Red Oak

- Class Rosopsida
- Order Fagales
- Family Fagaceae

- Leaves: alternate; 7-11 sharp lobes; sinuses less than halfway to midvein
- Fruit: 1-3cm long acorns; egg-shaped; broad, flattened cup
- Bark: dark gray; ridged; light colored vertical striping
- Height: to 27m
Carya cordiformis
Bitternut Hickory

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Juglandaceae
- Leaves: alternate; compound; 15-25cm long; 7-9 leaflets with no stalk; fine teeth; slightly hairy beneath;
- Fruit: 2-3cm round nut with thin husk
- Bark: gray; narrow ridges; yellow buds on twigs
- Height: to 24m

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Carya ovata
Shagbark Hickory

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Juglandaceae
- Leaves: alternate; compound; 20-35cm long; 5 leaflets with no stalk; fine teeth; hairy edges;
- Fruit: 3-6 cm round nut with thick husk
- Bark: gray; large, loose, curved strips
- Height: to 30m
Juglans nigra
Black Walnut

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Juglandaceae
- Leaves: alternate; compound; 30-60cm long; aromatic; 9-21 leaflets with no stalk
- Fruit: 4-6cm nut; thick green/brown husk
- Bark: brown; scaly ridges
- Height: to 27m
**Alnus rugosa**

Speckled Alder

- **Class**: Rosopsida
- **Order**: Fagales
- **Family**: Betulaceae

- **Leaves**: alternate; in 3 rows; irregular, double teeth; 9-12 prominent, ladder-like side veins
- **Fruit**: 1cm long cone-like cluster; black; rounded, flat nutlets
- **Bark**: gray; smooth
- **Height**: to 6m
**Betula lenta**

**Sweet Birch**

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - **Order Fagales**
    - **Family Betulaceae**
- **Leaves:** alternate; elliptical; long point; notched base; double toothed; 9-11 side veins
- **Fruit:** 2-4cm long cone-like cluster with 2-winged nutlets
- **Bark:** smooth; shiny; dark brown
- **Height:** to 24m
Betula lutea
Yellow Birch

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Betulaceae
- Leaves: alternate; egg-shaped; pointed tip; double toothed
- Fruit: 0.5cm long cone-like structure; 2-winged nutlets
- Bark: yellow to silver/gray; thin; somewhat peeling when younger only
- Height: to 24m

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Betula populifolia
Gray Birch

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Betulaceae
- Leaves: alternate; triangular; long, pointed tip; double toothed; 4-8 side veins
- Fruit: 2-3cm long cone-like structure; brown; hairy, 2 winged nutlets
- Bark: chalky to gray/white; smooth
- Height: to 9m

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Carpinus caroliniana
Ironwood, Bluebeech

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Betulaceae
- Leaves: alternate; oval; double toothed; veins hairy below
- Fruit: 0.5cm long nutlets; paired; egg-shaped; green; hairy
- Bark: blue-gray; thin; smooth; with deep, twisting, "muscular" ripples
- Height: to 9m
Ostrya virginiana
Hop Hornbeam

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Fagales
    - Family Betulaceae
- Leaves: alternate; double-toothed; dull yellow-green above; some side veins are forked
- Fruit: 4-5cm long cone-like structures; hanging
- Bark: brownish; grooved; shredding
- Height: to 15m

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Hibiscus syriacus
Rose of Sharon

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malvales
    - Family Malvaceae
- Leaves: alternate; often 3-lobed; leathery; glossy
- Fruit: capsule; cultivars may not produce seeds; large, showy flowers
- Bark: light brown; many trunks from base
- Height: to 3m
Tilia americana
Basswood

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Malvales
    - Family Malvaceae
- Leaves: alternate; in 2 rows; heart-shaped; fine teeth; palmate veins
- Fruit: 1cm long; elliptical; nutlike; hairy
- Bark: dark gray; smooth; ridged when older
- Height: to 30m

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**Acer negundo**

**Box-elder**

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - **Order Sapindales**
    - **Family Sapindaceae**
- **Leaves:** opposite; pinnately compound; 3-7 leaflets that are sometimes lobed; coarsely toothed
- **Fruit:** 2-4cm long paired samara; long, curving wings
- **Bark:** gray/brown; deep furrows
- **Height:** to 18m
**Acer pensylvanicum**

Moosewood, Striped Maple

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Sapindales
    - **Family** Sapindaceae
- **Leaves**: opposite; as long as they are broad; 3 short, pointed lobes at tip; 3 main veins; double toothed
- **Fruit**: 3cm long samara
- **Bark**: green with white stripes when young; red-brown with pale vertical lines when older
- **Height**: to 9m

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Acer rubrum
Red Maple

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Sapindales
    - Family Sapindaceae
- Leaves: opposite; 3 short pointed lobes with 2 smaller lobes at base; irregular, coarse teeth; reddish petiole
- Fruit: 2.5cm long, reddish samara
- Bark: smooth and gray whey young; dark, broken when older
- Height: to 27m
**Acer saccharinum**

**Silver Maple**

- **Class**: Rosopsida
  - **Order**: Sapindales
    - **Family**: Sapindaceae
- **Leaves**: opposite; 5 lobes with very deep, rounded sinuses; double toothed; 5 main veins
- **Fruit**: 4-6cm long, brown samara
- **Bark**: gray; flaky, shaggy ridges
- **Height**: to 24m

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Acer saccharum
Sugar Maple

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Sapindales
  - Family Sapindaceae
- Leaves: opposite; 5 broad lobes; sinuses shallower than silver maple; 5 main veins; very few teeth
- Fruit: 2-3cm long, brown samara
- Bark: gray; narrow scaly ridges
- Height: to 30m
**Aesculus parviflora**

**Bottlebrush Buckeye**

- **Class** Rosopsida
  - **Order** Sapindales
    - **Family** Sapindaceae
- **Leaves**: opposite; palmately compound; 5 (sometimes 7) leaflets; fine teeth
- **Fruit**: tan capsule; 2-5cm long; pear-shaped; smooth
- **Bark**: brown/gray; smooth; multi-stemmed shrub
- **Height**: to 4m

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Nyssa sylvatica
Blackgum, Black Tupelo

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Cornales
    - Family Nyssaceae
- Leaves: alternate; elliptical; no teeth; shiny green above; pale, somewhat hairy below
- Fruit: 1cm long; berry-like; black; elliptical
- Bark: gray/brown; irregular, rectangular ridges (checkerboard)
- Height: to 30m
**Cornus alternifolia**  
Alternate-leaved Dogwood

- **Class** Rosopsida  
  - **Order** Cornales  
    - **Family** Cornaceae

- **Leaves**: alternate; clustered at ends of twigs; elliptical; tiny teeth; 5-6 long, curved side veins

- **Fruit**: berry-like; blue/black; on red stalks

- **Bark**: gray/brown; smooth or with narrow ridges

- **Height**: to 8m
**Cornus amomum**

**Silky Dogwood**

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - **Order Cornales**
  - **Family Cornaceae**

- **Leaves:** opposite; elliptical; wavy edges; fine hairs on petiole and veins; curving side veins

- **Fruit:** drupe; blue; very small

- **Bark:** red/brown; shallow fissures

- **Height:** to 2m
Cornus florida
Flowering Dogwood

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Cornales
    - Family Cornaceae
- Leaves: opposite; elliptical; wavy edges; teeth only visible under magnification; 6-7 long, curving veins; fine hairs below
- Fruit: berry-like; shiny red
- Bark: dark red/brown; broken into small square plates
- Height: to 9m
**Cornus racemosa**

**Gray Dogwood**

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Cornales
    - Family Cornaceae

- Leaves: opposite; narrow elliptical; long, pointed tip; curving side veins

- Fruit: berry-like; white; on red/pink stalks

- Bark: orange/brown when young; gray when older

- Height: to 4m
Cornus stolonifera
Red-osier Dogwood

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Cornales
    - Family Cornaceae

- Leaves: opposite; elliptical; no teeth; 5-7 long, curved, sunken side veins; white-green above; fine hairs beneath

- Fruit: berry-like; whitish; 2 seeds

- Bark: gray/brown; flat plates

- Height: to 3m
Oxydendrum arboreum  
Sourwood

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Ericales
    - Family Ericaceae
- Leaves: elliptical; fine teeth; yellow-green above; veins hairy below; sour taste
- Fruit: gray, egg-shaped capsule; on curved stalks
- Bark: brown/gray; narrow, scaly ridges
- Height: to 15m

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**Rhododendron maximum**

**Great Laurel**

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Ericales
    - Family Ericaceae
- Leaves: evergreen; abrupt point at both ends; leathery; edges roll under; shiny dark green above
- Fruit: red/brown, egg-shaped capsule
- Bark: red/brown; scaly; thin
- Height: to 6m

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**Vaccinium corymbosum**  
**Northern Highbush Blueberry**

- **Class Rosopsida**
  - **Order Ericales**
    - **Family Ericaceae**
- **Leaves:** alternate; elliptical; no teeth; 1-2cm long; dark green above; pale below
- **Fruit:** 1cm blue-black berry; edible
- **Bark:** gray/brown; narrow furrows
- **Height:** to 3m
**Vaccinium pallidum**

**Low Bush Blueberry**

- **Class** Rosopsida
- **Order** Ericales
- **Family** Ericaceae
- **Leaves:** alternate; fine teeth; 2.5-5cm long; elliptical; veins hairy below
- **Fruit:** 1cm blue/black berry; edible
- **Bark:** green; twigs brown
- **Height:** to 60cm

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Forsythia suspensa
Weeping Forsythia

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Lamiales
    - Family Oleaceae

- Leaves: opposite; sometimes with 2 or 3 lobes; wedge-shaped; variable green color

- Fruit: brown capsule; flowers are showy & yellow

- Bark: yellow/brown; many stems; distinct lenticels

- Height: to 2.5m

Introduced

Fraxinus americana
White Ash

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Lamiales
    - Family Oleaceae
- Leaves: opposite; pinnately compound; 7 (rarely 5 or 9) leaflets on short stalks; green above; whitish, hairy below
- Fruit: 2.5-5cm long; solitary, brown samara; straight wings
- Bark: dark gray; thick; diamond-shaped ridges
- Height: to 24m
**Fraxinus pennsylvanica**

**Green Ash**

- **Class** Rosopsida
- **Order** Lamiales
- **Family** Oleaceae

- **Leaves:** opposite; pinnately compound; 5-9 (usually 7) leaflets on stalks; coarse or small teeth; shiny green above

- **Fruit:** 3-6cm long; solitary, yellowish samara; straight wings

- **Bark:** gray; ridged; red inside

- **Height:** to 18m

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Syringa vulgaris
Lilac

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Lamiales
    - Family Oleaceae
- Leaves: opposite; ovate; no teeth; pointed tip; base somewhat heart-shaped
- Fruit: large panicles of capsules; flowers purple and showy
- Bark: light gray; smooth
- Height: to 3m

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Aralia elata
Japanese Angelica Tree

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Apiales
    - Family Araliaceae
- Leaves: alternate; bi or tripinnately compound, with 7 leaflets each; 5-10cm long
- Fruit: black drupe; formed by large panicles of white flowers
- Bark: rough gray with spines; large leaf scars
- Height: to 8m

CAUTION: Sharp spines
Aralia spinosa
Devil’s Walking Stick

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Apiales
    - Family Araliaceae
- Leaves: alternate; bipinnately compound, with 7 leaflets each; to 1m long
- Fruit: small black drupe; formed by 25cm long clusters of white flowers
- Bark: yellowish with spines; moon-shaped leaf scars
- Height: to 9m

CAUTION: Sharp spines
**Sambucus canadensis**

**Common Elderberry**

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Dipscales
    - Family Caprifoliaceae
- Leaves: opposite; pinnately compound; 3-7 leaflets; sharply toothed; sometimes bipinnate
- Fruit: purple/black berry; sweet; with up to 5 nutlets
- Bark: gray/brown; raised dots; smooth
- Height: to 5m
**Sambucus racemosa**

**Red Elderberry**

- **Class**: Rosopsida
  - **Order**: Dipscales
    - **Family**: Caprifoliaceae
- **Leaves**: opposite; pinnately compound; 5-9 leaflets;
- **Fruit**: bright red berries; 2-4 seeds; **do not eat** (slightly poisonous, not deadly)
- **Bark**: gray/brown; smooth
- **Height**: to 5m

**CAUTION:** Possibly poisonous
Viburnum acerifolium
Mapleleaf Viburnum

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Dipscales
    - Family Caprifoliaceae
- Leaves: opposite; dentate teeth; 3 lobes; somewhat hairy
- Fruit: black, egg-shaped drupe
- Bark: hairy, brown stems
- Height: to 2m
Viburnum dentatum
Southern Arrowwood

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Dipscales
    - Family Caprifoliaceae
- Leaves: oval or rounded; notched base; straight side veins with large tooth at end; hairy below only
- Fruit: rounded blue/black berried in terminal clusters
- Bark: gray or red/brown; smooth
- Height: to 3m
**Viburnum opulus**

**European Cranberrybush**

- **Class**: Rosopsida
  - **Order**: Dipscales
    - **Family**: Caprifoliaceae
- **Leaves**: opposite; 3 lobes; irregular, coarse teeth; petiole with disk-like glands
- **Fruit**: bright red berries in terminal clusters
- **Bark**: red/brown to gray
- **Height**: to 3m

*Introduced*
Weigela florida
Old Fashioned Weigela

- Class Rosopsida
  - Order Dipscales
    - Family Caprifoliaceae
- Leaves: opposite; ovate; fine teeth; curving side veins
- Fruit: 2.5cm long capsule; smooth; produced by showy, bell-shaped flowers
- Bark: gray/brown; circular lenticels; hair between nodes
- Height: to 2.5m

Introduced

Summary of Trees and Shrubs at the University Farm

- **Division Pinopyta**
  - **Class Pinopsida**
  - **Order Pinales**
    - **Family Pinaceae**
      - *Picea abies* I
      - *Picea engelmannii* I
      - *Picea glauca* I
      - *Picea pungens* I
      - *Pinus resinosa* I
      - *Pinus strobus* I
      - *Tsuga canadensis*
    - **Family Cupressaceae**
      - *Juniperus sp.*
      - *Juniperus communis*
      - *Thuja occidentalis* I

* I = Introduced (not native to this area)
Summary of Trees and Shrubs at the University Farm

- **Division Magnoliophyta**
  - **Class Magnoliopsida**
    - **Order Magnoliales**
      - Family Magnoliaceae
        - *Liriodendron tulipifera*
        - *Magnolia acuminata*
        - *Magnolia fraseri* I
    - **Order Laurales**
      - Family Lauraceae
        - *Lindera benzoin*
        - *Sassafras albidum*
  - **Class Rosopsida**
    - **Order Saxifragales**
      - Family Hammamelidaceae
        - *Hamamelis virginiana*
        - *Liquidambar styraciflua* I
    - **Order Celastrales**
      - Family Celastraceae
        - *Euonymus europaea* I
        - *Euonymus fortunei* I
        - *Euonymus hamiltonian* I
        - *Euonymus obovatus*
Summary of Trees and Shrubs at the University Farm

- **Class Rosopsida (contd.)**
  - **Order Malpighiales**
    - Family Salicaceae
      - *Populus deltoides*
      - *Populus grandidentata*
      - *Salix babylonica* I
      - *Salix discolor*
      - *Salix fragilis* I
      - *Salix nigra*
      - *Salix sericea*
    - Family Clusiaceae
      - *Hypericum kalmianum* I
      - *Hypericum mutilum*
      - *Hypericum perforatum* I
      - *Hypericum punctatum*
      - *Hypericum spathulatum*
  - **Order Rosales**
    - Family Rosaceae
      - *Crataegus flabellata*
      - *Crataegus monogyna* I
      - *Malus baccata* I
      - *Malus coronaria*
      - *Malus sylvestris* I
      - *Prunus americana*
      - *Prunus avium* I
      - *Prunus pensylvanica*
      - *Prunus serotina*
      - *Prunus virginiana*
      - *Rosa multiflora* I
      - *Sorbus aucuparia* I
Summary of Trees and Shrubs at the University Farm

- **Class Rosopsida (contd.)**
  - **Order Rosales (contd.)**
    - Family Rhamnaceae
      - *Rhamnus cathartica* I
      - *Rhamnus frangula* I
    - Family Ulmaceae
      - *Ulmus americana*
      - *Ulmus rubra*
    - Family Moraceae
      - *Morus alba* I
  - **Order Fagales**
    - Family Fagaceae
      - *Castanea dentata*
      - *Fagus grandifolia*
      - *Quercus alba*
      - *Quercus palustris*
      - *Quercus rubra*
    - Family Juglandaceae
      - *Carya cordiformis*
      - *Carya ovata*
      - *Juglans nigra*
Summary of Trees and Shrubs at the University Farm

- **Class Rosopsida (contd.)**
  - **Order Fagales (contd.)**
    - Family Betulaceae
      - *Alnus rugosa*
      - *Betula lenta*
      - *Betula lutea*
      - *Betula populifolia* I
      - *Carpinus caroliniana*
      - *Ostrya virginiana*
  - **Order Malvales**
    - Family Malvaceae
      - *Hibiscus syriacus* I
      - *Tilia americana*
- **Order Sapindales**
  - Family Sapindaceae
    - *Acer negundo*
    - *Acer pensylvanicum*
    - *Acer rubrum*
    - *Acer saccharinum*
    - *Acer saccharum*
    - *Aesculus parviflora*
- **Order Cornales**
  - Family Nyssaceae
    - *Nyssa sylvatica*
Summary of Trees and Shrubs at the University Farm

- **Class Rosopsida (contd.)**
  - **Order Cornales (contd.)**
    - **Family Cornaceae**
      - *Cornus alternifolia*
      - *Cornus amomum*
      - *Cornus florida*
      - *Cornus racemosa*
      - *Cornus stolonifera*
  - **Order Ericales**
    - **Family Ericaceae**
      - *Oxydendrum arboreum*
      - *Rhododendron maximum*
      - *Vaccinium corymbosum*
      - *Vaccinium pallidum*
      - *Rhododendron maximum* (contd.)
      - *Vaccinium corymbosum* (contd.)

- **Order Lamiales**
  - **Family Oleaceae**
    - *Forsythia suspensa*
    - *Fraxinus americana*
    - *Fraxinus pensylvanica*
    - *Syringa vulgaris*
  - **Order Apiales**
    - **Family Araliaceae**
      - *Aralia elata*
      - *Aralia spinosa*
Summary of Trees and Shrubs at the University Farm

- **Class Rosopsida (contd.)**
  - **Order Dipscales**
    - **Family Caprifoliaceae**
      - *Sambucus canadensis*
      - *Sambucus racemosa*
      - *Viburnum acerifolium*
      - *Viburnum dentatum*
      - *Viburnum opulus I*
      - *Weigela florida I*
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