

WINGED ELM

ULMUS ALATA

Dark green leaves are elliptic and rough-textured, with doubly toothed margins and asymmetrical bases. Small seeds are elliptical samaras and each seed is surrounded by a flattened circular papery wing. The small branches have winged projections. This native tree can be found growing on wet sites as well as dry, rocky ridges.



Full sun to part shade

FLOWERS: Insignificant; present prior to leaves emerging

USDA ZONES: 6-9

ID TIPS:

Small branches have winged projections on the sides. Dark green leaves have doubly toothed margins and an asymmetrical base.



WILDLIFE VALUE:

Winged elm is a larval host to the question mark butterfly. Seeds are eaten by rodents, small mammals and numerous birds.

INTERESTING FACT:

The wood resists splitting and is used to make hockey sticks and curved pieces on rocking chairs.

