Green Ash  
(*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)

The Green Ash is a somewhat irregularly-shaped tree when young becoming an oval with age. It will reach a height of about 60 feet with a spread of 45 feet.

The glossy dark green foliage will turn yellow in the fall, but color is often muted here in the south.

This fast-growing tree requires full sun but will adapt to many different landscape conditions and can be grown on wet or dry sites, preferring moist. Green Ash adapts quite well to city street planting pits and other confined soil spaces.

Green Ash may require pruning when it is young to develop a nice central trunk. There is a good seed-set annually on female trees which are used by many birds but some consider the seeds to be messy.

Borers are common on Ash and they can kill trees. Heavily infested trees can be severely weakened. Keep trees as healthy as possible by fertilizing regularly and watering during dry weather.

Seedling grown trees often produce an abundance of seed which can be a nuisance, and female trees often have undesirable flower galls. Superior crown form and branching habit of cultivars makes planting cultivars very desirable. A few vigorous cultivars with yellow fall color are: `Marshall Seedless' (some seeds, fewer insect problems); `Newport'; `Patmore' (straight trunk, seedless); `Summit' (female, straight trunk, abundant seeds, flower galls); `Cimmaron' (strong trunk, good lateral branching, salt tolerant); `Aerial' (narrow columnar habit).


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