

Ash Tree Identification

Key Ash Tree Characteristics



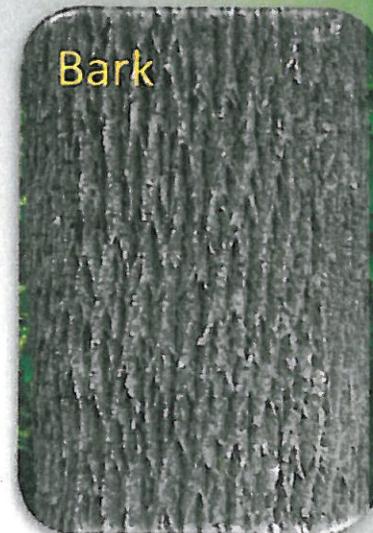
Trees

an upright, oval shape



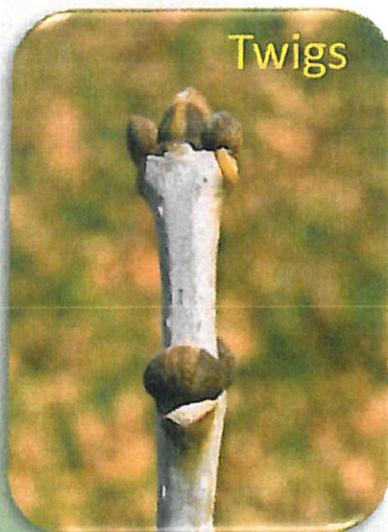
Branches

opposite arrangements – buds, leaves and branches are directly across from one another



Bark

diamond patterned – ridges and furrows form diamond shapes in older bark (green & white ash)



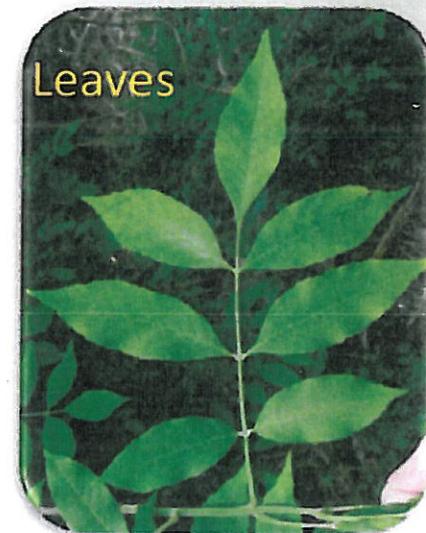
Twigs

stout twigs support prominent brown buds



Fruit

single samara fruit – seed surrounded by a dry, oar shaped wing



Leaves

pinnately compound – leaflets arranged in a line with one terminal leaflet. 5-11 leaflets per leaf

Verify your tree:

Check Cornell's Woody Plant Database for characteristics.
<http://woodyplants.mannlib.cornell.edu/>

Some lookalikes and their key differences:

- Norway Maple: simple (not compound) lobed leaves
- Box Elder: purplish twigs, lobed terminal leaflet
- Elderberry: shrub, purple berries
- Walnut, Hickory, Mountain-Ash: alternate branching



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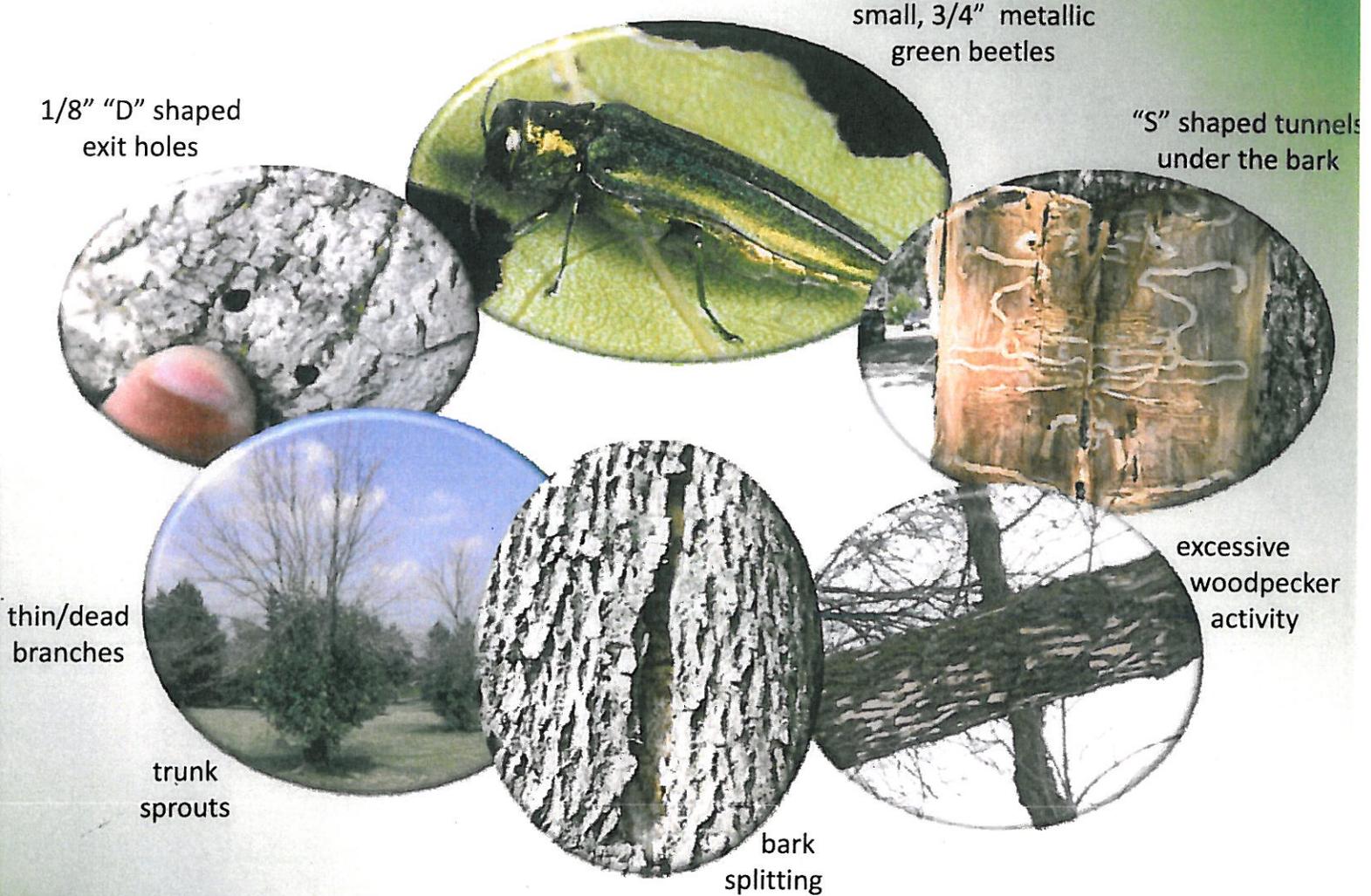




Identifying Emerald Ash Borer

what to do if you think you have the ash-killing
Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in your ash tree

Verify the signs of EAB:



Educate Yourself:

Emerald Ash Borer information and links can be found at <http://nyis.info>

Report Your Sighting:

e-mail pictures or bring samples of EAB signs and symptoms to your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office, <http://www.cce.cornell.edu>

or

call the NYS DEC EAB Hotline at 866-640-0652



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