

Rock Elm

Ulmus thomasii

-The Rock Elm is a medium sized tree that can reach heights of 50-60 feet tall and have a diameter of 1 foot.

-This is a tree of moderation. It is moderately shade tolerant. It is moderately fast growing. It is moderately long lived. But it is very important for nesting habitats for songbirds.

-The Rock Elm is less demanding of moisture than are the American and Slippery Elms. It can grow in very well drained sites to somewhat poorly drained sites.

-The wood of Rock Elm has the hardest wood, is the toughest to split, and the least common of all of the elms native to Wisconsin.

-A general rule of thumb concerning elm leaves is that the base of their leaves do not line up when folded down the middle and the texture of the leaves is rough.

-Are there any history buffs out there? The species name "*thomasii*" was given in honor of Major George Henry Thomas, who was a general in the American Civil War and called the Rock of Chickamauga.



Many people never stop to realize that a tree is a living thing, not that different from a tall, leafy dog that has roots and is very quiet.

-Deep Thoughts