

White Ash

Fraxinus americana

-The White Ash is more of an upland tree and is the Black Ash. If you have an area on your shoreland property that is relatively high in elevation, perhaps due to a steep slope, this tree would be more than at home there as long as the soils are relatively rich. White Ash can reach heights of 100 feet.

-It is moderate in shade tolerance, speed of growth, and longevity.

-White Ash has some of the most beautiful lumber of any tree native to northern Wisconsin.

-The Fruit of the White Ash is a good food source for a wide variety of wildlife.

-The bark of this tree is very interesting. As it matures, it kind of makes little raised "X's". When all of these "X's" are combined, they form sunken diamond shapes.

-The pinnately compound leaves of White Ash turn a beautiful gold to purple color in the fall. This is a worth tree to add to your woods, although the overall wildlife value of ashes does not equal that of maples and birches.



When a man plants a tree he plants himself. Every root is an anchor, over which he rests with grateful interest, and becomes sufficiently calm to feel the joy of living.

-John Muir