

# National Ash Seed Collection Initiative

## Help Save America's Ash Trees for Future Generations

America is losing its Ash Trees to the Emerald Ash Borer at an alarming rate. Millions of Ash Trees have already been destroyed.

You can help prevent the Ash Tree from being lost forever. Take one of the cards below and collect Ash Tree seeds for genetic preservation.



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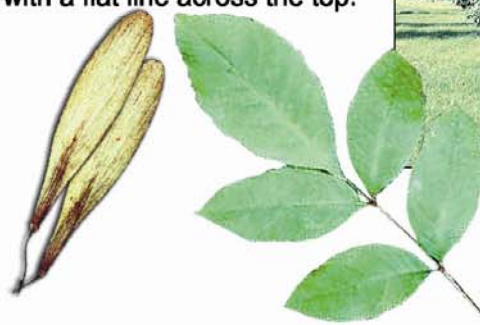
### Black Ash

**Habitat:** Poorly drained sites such as swamps, streams and riverbanks.  
**Features:** 40 to 50 feet in height, small than either white or green ash. The terminal buds are more black when compared to the brown of either green or white ash.



### Green Ash

**Habitat:** Poorly drained soils, along streams, in bottom lands, and throughout wet woods.  
**Features:** Compared to the leaf scar of the white ash, the scar appears more like a semicircle with a flat line across the top.



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### Blue Ash

**Habitat:** Dry upland limestone sites.  
**Features:** Twigs that appear to be square. The wings that grow on the twigs give the tree its square twig identifying characteristic.



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### White Ash

**Habitat:** Upland sites with little tolerance for wet areas.  
**Features:** The leaf scar (area where leaf was attached to the branch) on white ash has more of a grin to it than do other ashes.



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