

# TREE IDENTIFICATION

# CERTIFIED CITIZEN FORESTER MARCH HOMEWORK

#### NORTH TEXAS TREES

- Lacebark Elm -- \*\* [Not in Trees of Texas]
- American Elm Trees of Texas p. 171
- Cedar Elm p. 165
- Lacey Oak p. 131
- Chinquapin Oak p. 155
- Bur Oak p. 261
- Live Oak p. 149
- Shumard Oak p. 251
- Big Tooth Maple p. 227
- Pond Cypress -- \*\*
- Bald Cypress p. 33
- Southern Magnolia p. 219
- Eastern Redbud p. 99

- Carolina Buckthorn p. 87
- Osage Orange p. 103
- Green Ash p. 279
- Texas Ash p. 277
- Pecan p. 315
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- Eve's Necklace p. 295
- Texas Persimmon p. 187
- Yaupon Holly p. 117
- Vitex -- \*\*
- Desert Willow p. 207
- Ginkgo -- \*\*

#### LACEBARK ELM – Ulmus parvifolia

- Trees of Texas not listed
- Also known as Chinese Elm non-native
- Shape and Size
  - Height Up to 40 ft
  - Graceful, drooping branchlets
  - Broad vase shaped crown



#### LACEBARK ELM – Ulmus parvifolia

#### Leaf

- Simple, alternate, 1-3" long
- Oval, with margins finely or bluntly toothed
- Base inequilateral
- Surface dark green, dull

#### Bark

- Thin and dark brown when young
- Horizontal lenticels on branches and trunk
- Older trees have random patches of brown, gray, orange, or green





### LACEBARK ELM – Ulmus parvifolia

- Flower
  - Green, inconspicuous
  - Appearing in the fall
- Fruit
  - Small, round seeds
  - Enclosed in papery wing up to 0.33"



#### AMERICAN ELM – Ulmus americana

- Trees of Texas p. 171
- Shape and Size
  - Height 70 to 100 ft
  - Single trunk with prominent root flares
  - Limbs fan out gracefully
  - Forms upright vase shape



#### AMERICAN ELM – Ulmus americana

- Leaf
  - Simple, oval, 3 to 6 in
  - Alternately attached, asymetrical leaf base
- Bark
  - Dark gray
  - Deeply furrowed
  - Corky, sometimes scaly





#### AMERICAN ELM – Ulmus americana

- Flower
  - Tiny reddish-brown
  - 1/4 in. arranged in clusters
- Fruit
  - Flat, fuzzy green samara
  - Round to oval, ½ in., notch opposite fruit stalk





### CEDAR ELM – Ulmus crassifolia

- Trees of Texas p. 165
- Shape and Size
  - Height 50 to 70 ft.
  - Single trunk, dividing high
  - Spreading branches
  - Round crown



#### CEDAR ELM – Ulmus crassifolia

- Leaf
  - Simple, oval to elliptical
  - Alternately attached, I-2" long
  - Double row of teeth
  - Leathery, dark green above, paler belove
- Bark
  - Light brown to reddish brown
  - Thick with deep furrows and irregular ridges





## CEDAR ELM – Ulmus crassifolia

- Flower
  - Bell shaped red and green
  - <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in. wide in clusters
- Fruit
  - Green samara
  - Turning black with long white hans at maturity
  - ½ in. long with notched tip





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