



Wafer Ash, Common Hoptree, Hop Tree

Ptelea trifoliata



Photos courtesy of August Froehlich (above) and Judy Semroc (below)

Unique Characteristics

This small, aromatic, slow growing tree has distinctive fruit with wafer-like winged seeds. It is one of the northernmost American species in the Citrus family and is not a true Ash. Host plant for the giant swallowtail butterfly.

Plant Type:	Tree
Native Range:	Eastern and central U.S.
Sun:	Part shade to full shade
Water:	Dry to medium
Soil:	Moist, well drained
pH:	6.8-7.2
Height:	15-20 feet
Spread:	15-20 feet
Wildlife:	Larval host to giant swallowtail butterfly; Provides food and shelter for birds and mammals. Flowers provide nectar for butterflies.
Hardiness Zones:	4-9
Bloom Time:	June
Bloom Color:	Greenish-white
Uses:	Hedge, flowering tree, winter interest, adaptable to wide range of growing conditions. Despite the name, this tree is not a true ash tree and is unaffected by the emerald ash borer.

