

TREE OF HEAVEN

Ailanthus altissima



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Mature Height	60 to 80 feet	Soil Type	All types
Mature Spread	50 feet	Flower Color	Greenish tan to beige
Mature Form	Branched crown	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Slightly Yellow before falling
Sun Exposure	Prefers Sun, shade tolerant		
Soil Moisture	All conditions		

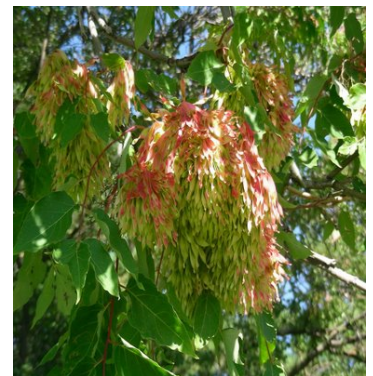
Tree of Heaven is a very common invasive tree in Indiana and is found in all 92 counties. It causes serious damage to sewers and other utilities in urban areas. It causes greater environmental damage in rural areas where it invades fields and wooded areas. It spreads by seed and by sending up shoots from its roots. Tree of Heaven produces chemicals that kill or prevent native plants from growing nearby. This results in dense stands as seen above, eventually displacing all natives. Finally it produces seed at 2 to 3 years of age, many years before other trees. The sap is highly toxic and can cause rash and blistering. Young shoots can be controlled with foliar sprays containing triclopyr. Basal bark treatment is the best bet for trees above head height using a basal oil with the herbicide. Always follow label directions with any herbicide treatment.



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