

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male and female flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer J Samanek, Czech Republic



Female flowers. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Meredith, Vic



'Seeds'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Murrumbidgee River, ACT



Leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Mlonglo River, ACT



Trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Meredith, Vic

## Common name

Box-elder maple, Box elder, Ash-leaved maple

## Family

Sapindaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, disturbed areas, and along streams. ACT and in and around Sydney. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced deciduous** tree, often multi-stemmed, to 20 m tall. Can form dense thickets that exclude most other species. Bark

smooth, becoming rough and fissured or flaky with age. Young stems hairless, often somewhat **glaucous**. Leaves opposite each other, 15-38 cm long, **compound**, with 3-9 leaflets each 3-15 cm long, 20-80 mm wide, entirely green, or green and white-variegated, with scattered short hairs on the lower surface, margins irregularly toothed to shallowly lobed. Male and female flowers usually on different plants. Flowers green, yellowish green, or pinkish to purplish, with 0 **petals**, and 5 **sepals** about 1 mm long, in clusters 2-15 cm long that hang down. Flowers appearing with the leaves. Flowers Spring. 'Seeds' initially green, turning yellowish and then pale brown as they mature, 30-40 mm long, with 1 **wing**, in pairs.

Family was Aceraceae.

Pest plant ACT.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Acer~negundo>  
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