

# Box elder

*Acer negundo* Also known as: **Ash-leaved maple, Ashleaf maple**

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This description is for **Box elder** (*Acer negundo*):

**Box elder: I always remember the name of this tree by simply imagining packaging up my Grandad and sending him off in the post.**

*Acer negundo* or Box elder is a species of North American maple. It's a fast growing but short-lived tree. It often has several trunks. It has green branches and oval leaves, light green, turning yellow in the autumn. It has winged fruit that hang from the tree in clusters. In spring it grows small hanging flowers that are a yellowy green colour. It is known as Box elder as the wood from this tree is a white colour, similar to boxwood.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Shrubs
<b>Height [m]</b> 10 - 15	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z5-8	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 12	<b>Heat zone</b> H8-3	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Show-offs
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Green	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -29 - -7	<b>Garden type</b> Woodland Park City
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 7 - 120	<b>Garden spaces</b> Specimen
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early spring Mid spring	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 20 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Propagation methods</b> grafting seed budding	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	