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Credit: "Through the Green" May/June 92.

Leaves, Limbs, Needles & Boughs



by Fred Opperman

Well, it has taken me over four years to get around to the most common tree that is planted on the Chicagoland area golf courses. Why has it taken me so long? I have always felt that with the tree being so common, you ought to have other species to choose from and get more diversity into your plantings. Dr. Tom Green in his report on trees on golf courses, listed the Green Ash, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, as the most common tree planted with over 3000 being counted on courses he surveyed.

Green Ash is also heavily planted in the parkways of many towns and cities. It can withstand the grit, salt and the harsh conditions where little care is ever given.

Leaves: Opposite, pinnately compound, 5 to 9 leaflets, 2 to 5" long, 1 to 2" wide. These leaves are lance shaped to elliptic, and long pointed at the tip. Leaves are toothed along both edges and smooth top and bottom.



Bark: Light or dark gray, with diamond-shaped furrows. Similar to white ash.

Twigs: Slender to rather stout, smooth; leaf scars half-round and straight across the top, with several bundle traces forming a half-moon.



Size: 45 to 60 feet tall, with a trunk diameter of up to 2 1/2 feet and a spread of 25 to 35 feet. Fast grower, 2 to 3' per year. Budded trees may grow 8 to 12' in a single season.

Wood: Hard, heavy and strong. Used for interior finishing, tool handles, baseball bats and general lumber.

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