

# North Dakota Tree Selector

## General

**Scientific Name:** *Acer negundo*

**Family:** Sapindaceae  
(Soapberry)

**Hardiness:** Zone 2

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Tree

## Growth

**Rate:** Fast

**Mature Height:** >45'

**Longevity:** Long

**Power Line:** No

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Inconspicuous

**Fruit:** Tan Samara

**Fall Color:** Yellow

## Boxelder

### Description

A relatively fast-growing, but potentially long-lived, medium-to-tall tree of irregular form. Boxelder trees are found in river bottoms, ravines and hillsides. Foliage is very susceptible to phenoxy herbicides. Also called Manitoba maple or ash-leaved maple. The largest tree in North Dakota is 61 feet tall with a canopy spread of 63 feet.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun to part shade.

**Water:** Medium to high.

**Soil:** Adaptable to a wide range.

### Comments

The name boxelder (sometimes box elder) is in reference to a use of the wood for making crates and boxes and the supposed similarity of the leaves to those of elder (*Sambucus*). Leaves also resemble those of some ashes, hence the additional common name of ash-leaved maple. Leaves have 3-5 leaflets and can be confused with poison ivy.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a841>

