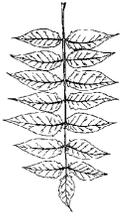


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Like the ashes, the leaves are pinnately compound, but have very many (13-25 or more) long leaflets like this one. They are notably toothed near the base of the leaflet. Crush a leaflet to know why it's called the Stinkwood.

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In autumn look for these seeds in abundant clusters hanging high on the Ailanthus. The seed is contained in a samara which is oblong and twisted, thus acting like a propeller in the wind.

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The bark is usually brown becoming rough with age. A fast grower it is a gaunt specimen in winter growing up to 40 feet high. The roots can penetrate into water systems giving the water a vile taste.

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The Ailanthus achieved fame in the novel "A Tree grows in Brooklyn" and is found in such unlikely and inhospitable places that it is justly called the Weed Tree. It is invasive, smelly, and impossible to kill.

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