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Like the Ash, the leaves are both opposite (on the branch), and compound (composed of leaflets). Each leaf has 3 (seldom 5) leaflets which are slightly lobed and coarsely sawtoothed.

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Ashleaf Maple

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Like all maples the seed comes as an attached pair of keys. These make a very sharp angle with each other, and stay attached all winter until they are carried off by a strong wind.

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The bark is gray and, with age, becomes fissured. The twigs are green, even whitish, slender and hairless. The branches are brittle and easily broken in wind-storms. The branching is spontaneous leaving an indefinite shape to the tree.

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The Boxelder is neither a Box (*Buxus*) nor an Elder (*Sambucus*) but has some similar features. It is a fast growing tree and is used often as a shade tree. But older trees lack the structure and form of other members of the Maple family.

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