

Winged Elm

Ulmus alata

Winged Elm is also known as cork elm because of the distinctive corky wings present on some twigs. Wahoo was the Creek Indian name for this elm.

Trees usually grow in moist soils and along stream edges. They can also survive upland and are found in abandoned fields.

The seeds of winged elm are eaten by a variety of birds and small animals. Question Mark butterflies depend on elm leaves to provide food for their caterpillars.

The fibrous inner bark was once made into rope for fastening covers of cotton bales. Today the wood is in demand for furniture. It is used for bent parts of chairs such as rockers and arms.

Winged Elm is sensitive to the Dutch Elm Disease fungus and they rarely live to be large trees.



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