



Botanical Name: *Sassafras albidum* (Nutt.) Nees (SASS-ah-frass al-BEE-dum)

Common Name(s): Sassafras

Height: 30' to 50'

Form, Branches, Twigs: A spreading crown. Gray-brown bark becomes thick and deeply furrowed. Twigs are greenish and slim, sometimes hairy.

Fruit/Seeds: In Spring, several yellow-green 3/8" flower clusters appear at the ends of leafless twigs. Male and female generally are on different trees. Shiny bluish-black 3/8" elliptical berries (each in a red cup on a long red stalk).

Leaves: Three shapes of shiny green leaves above/paler below (sometimes hairy) Leaf can be 3" to 5" long. Can have 2 or 3 lobes or elliptical. Fall colors: yellow, orange, red, purple

Habitat: Moist especially sandy soils of uplands and valleys

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