

BLACK ASH

Fraxinus nigra



Black Ash is a tree species that is native to and distributed across eastern Canada and the northeastern United States. The Black Ash population in Ontario is threatened by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and has been listed as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

WHY IS BLACK ASH IMPORTANT?

Cultural significance to
Indigenous Peoples

Used in today's society for lumber,
fuelwood and tool making

Provides habitat for wildlife

Plays a significant role in wetland
habitats

HOW TO IDENTIFY BLACK ASH

Black Ash is a broad-leaved hardwood tree that grows between 15 and 20 metres tall and 30 to 50 cm in diameter. The leaves are opposite, pinnately-compound, about 15 to 30 cm, with 7-11 leaflets. On the twig there is a gap between the terminal and nearest lateral buds which helps distinguish Black Ash from other ash species like White Ash, Green Ash and Blue Ash.

FGCA IS LOOKING FOR HEALTHY BLACK ASH OR BLACK ASH STANDS THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE RECOVERY OF THIS SPECIES. IF YOU HAVE OR KNOW OF AN AREA WHERE THESE MIGHT OCCUR, AND ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUR EFFORT PLEASE CONTACT US AT OUTREACH@FGCA.NET