

Sapindaceae s.l. APG II 2003, APG III 2009



*Acer macrophyllum*

**Aceraceae (maple clade)** is a monophyletic group, so is **Hippocastanaceae (Horse chestnut family)**, but Sapindaceae s.s. is paraphyletic in relation to the other two families. Modern classifications include all three families in **Sapindaceae s.l.** But Sapindaceae s.s. is mainly a tropical family and difficult to link with synapomorphies to these temperate clades.

**Question: How can we avoid this nomenclatural catastrophe?**

# PHYLOGENETIC NOMENCLATURE

- RANK-FREE
- NAME CLADES
- EXPLICIT PHYLOGENETIC DEFINITION  
- 10 changes

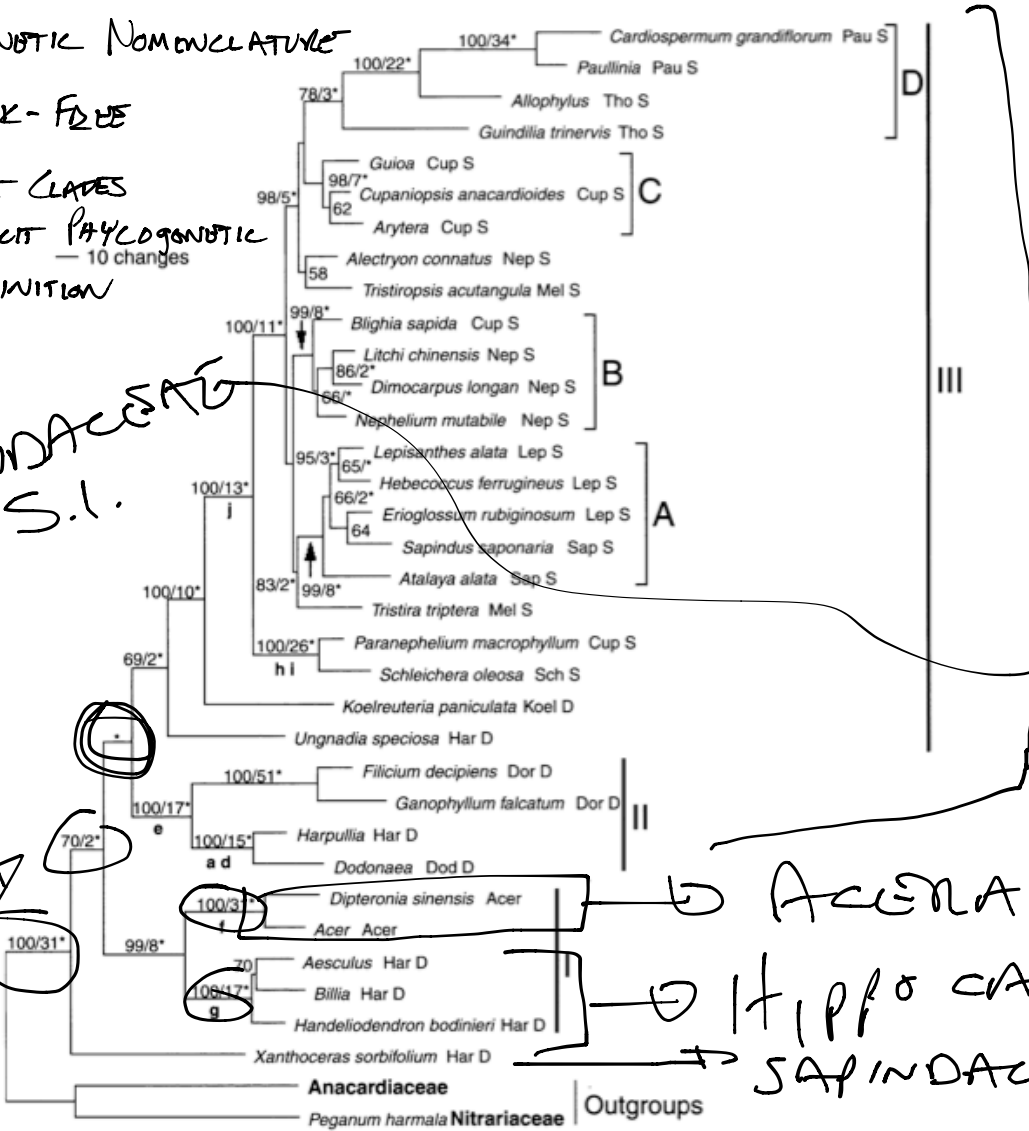
SAPINDACEAE S.I.

SAPIND. S.S.  
TROPICAL

NO MODERN SYNAPPO.

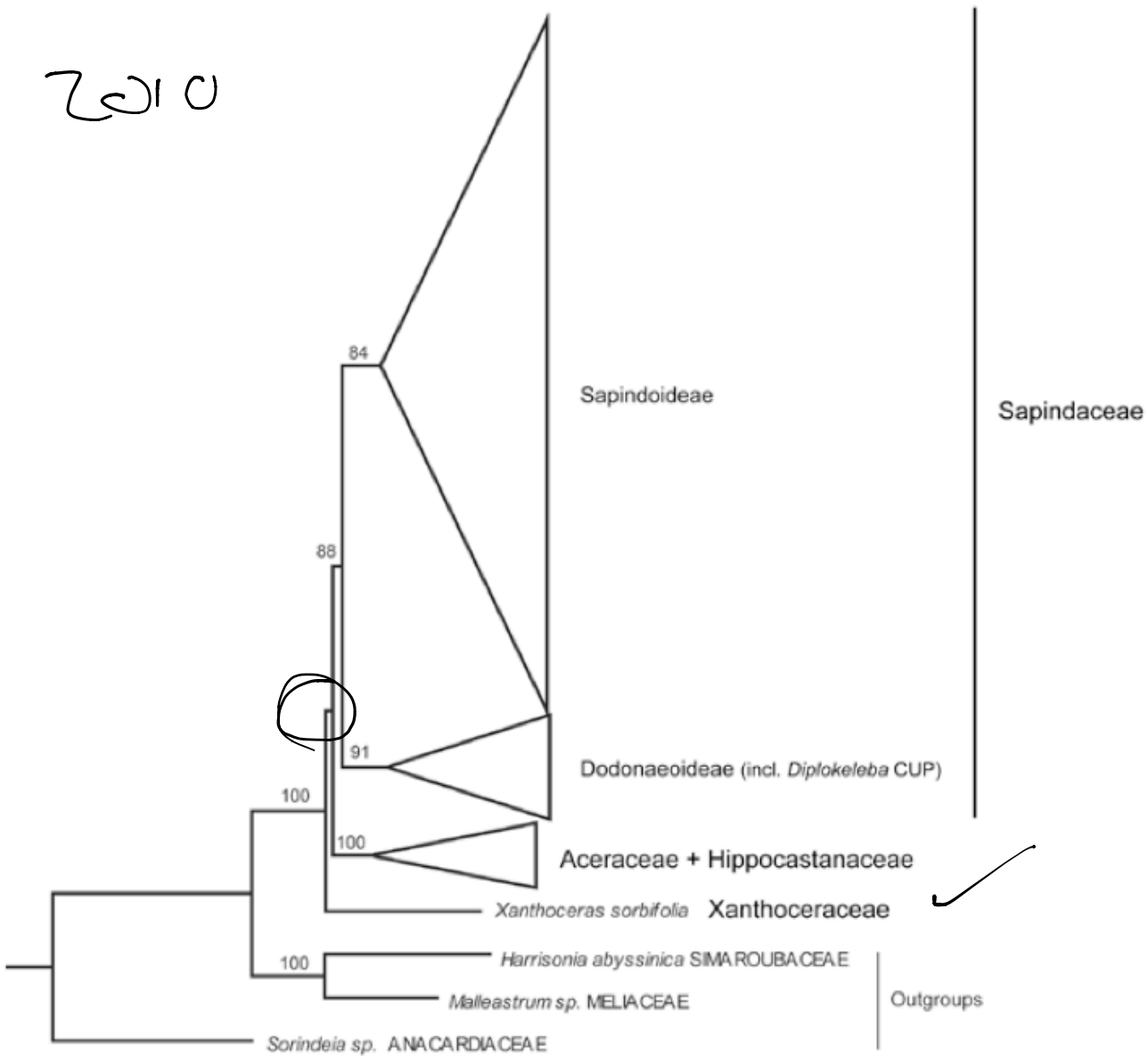
ACERACEAE

HIPPOCASTANACEAE  
SAPINDACEAE S.S.



Outgroups

2010



Sapindoideae

Sapindaceae

Dodonaeoideae (incl. *Diplokeleba* CUP)

Aceraceae + Hippocastanaceae

*Xanthoceras sorbifolia* XANTHOCERACEAE ✓

*Harrisonia abyssinica* SIMAROUBACEAE

*Malleastrum* sp. MELIACEAE

Outgroups

*Sorindeia* sp. ANACARDIACEAE

# Phylogeny and circumscription of Sapindaceae revisited: molecular sequence data, morphology and biogeography support recognition of a new family, Xanthoceraceae

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## Key to distinguish Xanthoceraceae from closely related families

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1. Leaves alternate, compound (rarely unifoliate in some *Allophylus* and *Dodonaea* species, both Sapindaceae).....2
  - 1'. Leaves opposite, simple or compound.....3
  2. Flower large, petals c. 2 cm long; disc with 5-horn-like appendages; ovules 7 or 8 per locule, all fertile; seeds > 15 per fruit; leaves imparipinnately compound, plants deciduous; temperate regions of eastern Asia, from inner Mongolia across China to Korea.....**Xanthoceraceae**
  - 2'. Flower small, petals < 1.5 cm long; disc lacking horn-like appendages; ovules 1 or 2 per locule (7 or 8 in the South American genus *Magonia*), fertile ovule generally 1 per locule; seeds 1 to 3 per fruit; leaves paripinnately compound (rarely imparipinnate, unifoliolate or simple), plants evergreen; tropical to subtropical regions.....**Sapindaceae**
  3. Flower actinomorphic, leaves palmately lobed or pinnately compound; fruit a schizocarpic fruits with 1-seeded samaroid mericarps.....**Aceraceae**
  - 3'. Flower zygomorphic, leaves palmately compound; fruit a 3-carpellate, usually 1-seeded capsule.....**Hippocastanaceae**
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## Aceraceae (maple clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)

Aceraceae - 2 genera/113 species, including *Acer* and *Dipteronia*.

↳ 110 spp → 14 N Am.

**Woody** trees or shrubs, mostly N temperate.

**Leaves opposite.**

Flowers actinomorphic;

perianths 4-5 parted; petals reduced and sepal-like;

Stamens 4-10;

**nectary disk;**

flowers bisexual or unisexual; if unisexual, plants either mono- or dioecious, or androdioecious;

**ovary superior (2 fused carpels), winged;**

Fruit of 2 fused carpels each with pronounced wing and single seed that split apart at maturity and dispersed by wind — **samaroid schizocarp.**

## Aceraceae (maple clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)

Woody trees or shrubs, mostly N temperate.

Leaves opposite.



*Acer negundo*



*Acer saccharum subsp. floridanum*

Note the opposite leaves;

# N. hemisphere woody plant families with opposite leaves

**A MAD CAP HORSE =**

**A**DOXACEAE → Viburnum, ELDERBERRY

**M**APLES → Acer

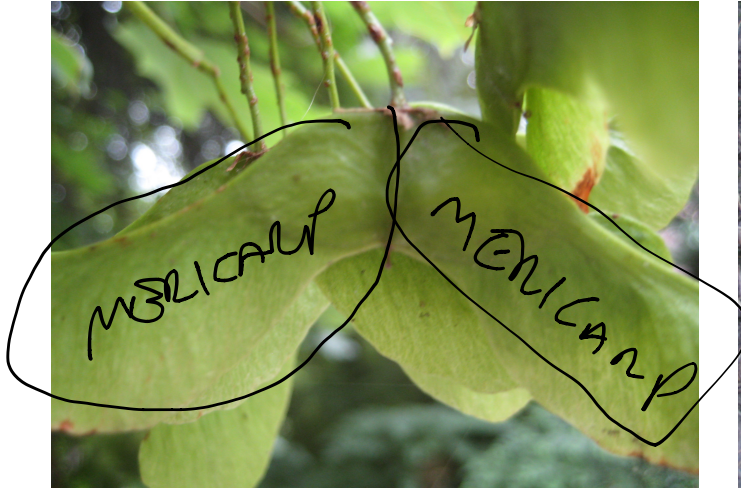
**A**SHES → FRAXINUS (OLEACEAE)

**D**ogWOODS → CORNUS (CORNACEAE)

**Cap**RIFOLIACEAE → HONEYSUCKLES, SNOWBALLIES

**Horse** CHESTNUTS → AESCULUS (HIPPOCASTANACEAE)

# Aceraceae (maple clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)



**Note the samaroid schizocarp;**

**Samara:** WINGED, SINGLE SEED, INDEHISCENT

**Schizocarp:** BREAKS APART INTO MERICARPS AT MATURITY

↳ CORRESPONDS TO CARPERS



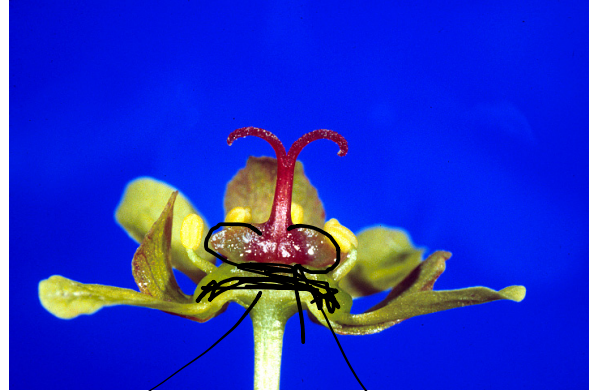
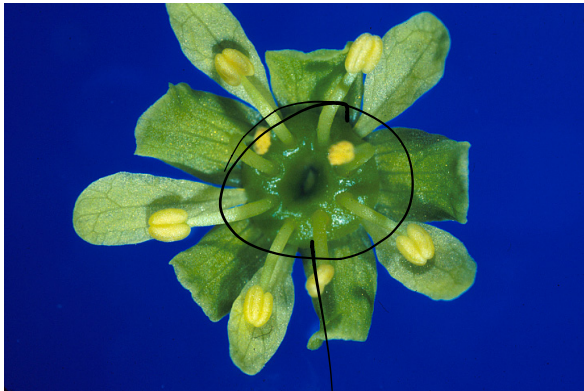
## Aceraceae (maple clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)



*Acer negundo*

**Flowers could be unisexual; then plants can be mono- or dioecious, or Androdioecious** (some plants with perfect flowers, some plants with male flowers only)

# Aceraceae (maple clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)



*Acer platanoides*

**Petals are reduced and sepal-like;**

**Nctary disk;**

**Superior ovary (2 fused carpels), developing wings;**

# Hippocastanaceae (buckeye clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)

Hippocastanaceae - 3 genera/25 species, including *Aesculus*.

↳ Buckeyes → 7 spp. Midwest  
OF N. Am.

Woody trees or shrubs, mostly N temperate.

Leaves opposite, palmately compound.

Inflorescence a terminal raceme;

Flowers zygomorphic;

perianths with distinct calyx and corolla;

flowers bisexual;

ovary superior;

Fruit a capsule – often single seeded by abortion of other ovules

## Hippocastanaceae (buckeye clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)



*Aesculus hippocastanum*



**Note the palmately compound and opposite leaves**

# Hippocastanaceae (buckeye clade of Sapindaceae s.l.)

1- SEEDED  
CAPSULE

SEEDS ARE  
POISONOUS

→ ROTONOCIVE



*Aesulus hippocastanum*

**Note the single-seeded (often), capsular fruit**

# *Acer saccharinum* - silver maple



BOTTOMLANDS → WBT AREAS

→ INVASIVE IN W. US.

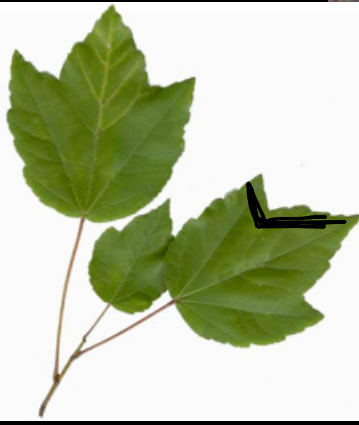


# Acer rubrum - red maple

→ SWAMP RED MAPLE



PURE STANDS IN/ ~~BE~~ AROUND SWAMPS

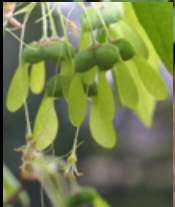


# *Acer saccharum* - sugar maple



## MAPLE SYRUP

→ CLIMAX SPECIES  
IN BIRCH-BEECH-MAPLE  
FORESTS OF NE





# Acer negundo - box-elder



DIOECIOUS

- DISTURBED  
AREAS - WATER-  
WAYS (ESPECIALLY)  
IN WEST.

SMALL TREE (30')  
MULTI-STEMMED



# *Acer macrophyllum* - big leaf maple



WET FORESTS AT  
LOW ELEV. CASCADAS  
+ SIERRAS



# *Acer glabrum* - Rocky mountain maple



UNDERSTORY + RIPARIAN →  
→ MID ELEV.

→ ANGIOSPERMS

→ TERMINATE LVS. IN CENTRAL  
& S. ROCKIES

# *Acer platanoides* - Norway maple



NORTHERN EURASIA

→ COMMON ORNAMENTAL

NATURALIZED  
THROUGHOUT N.Am

(*Acer circinatum* - vine maple)

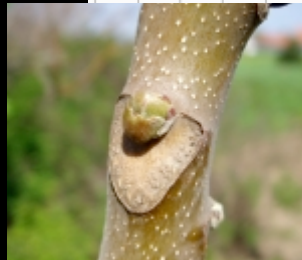
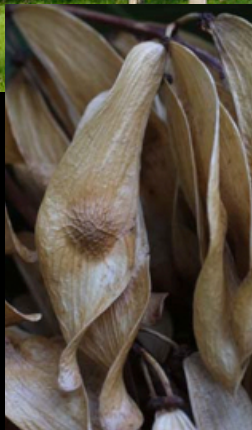


# *Aesculus hippocastanum* - horsechestnut



NATIVE TO BALKANS OF EAST  
EUROPE.

# *Ailanthus altissima* - tree of heaven (Simaroubaceae)

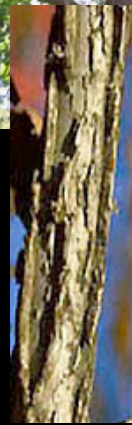
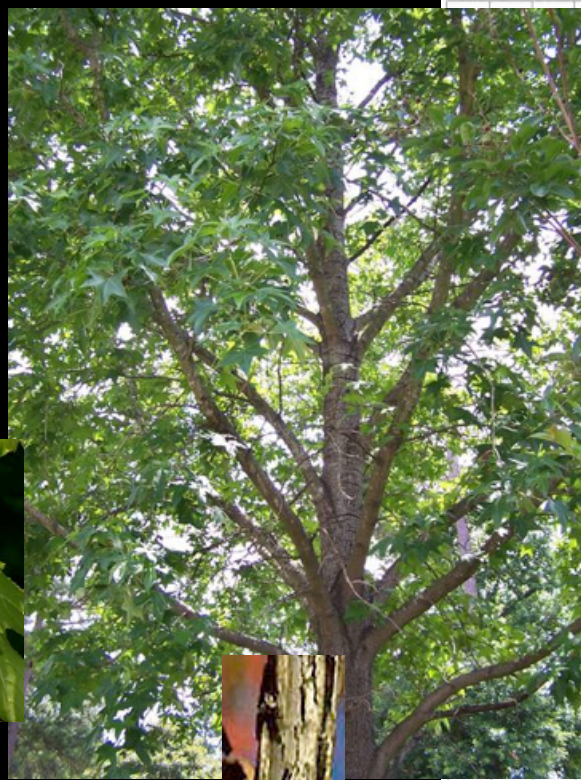


NATIVE TO E. ASIA

- INTRODUCED N.Am. NATURALIZED
- INVASIVE!

→ POOREST SOILS / HIGH LEVELS OF POLLUTION.

# Liquidambar styraciflua - sweet gum (Altingiaceae)



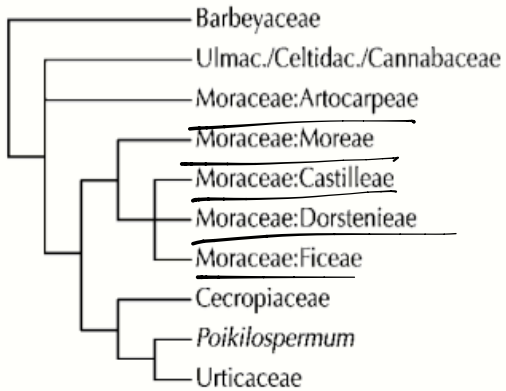
SE DECIDUOUS ZONE

COMMON IN MIXED  
HARDWOOD FORESTS - SCATTERED

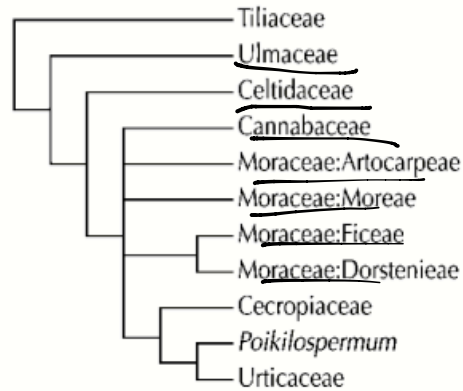
COMMON ORNAMENTAL



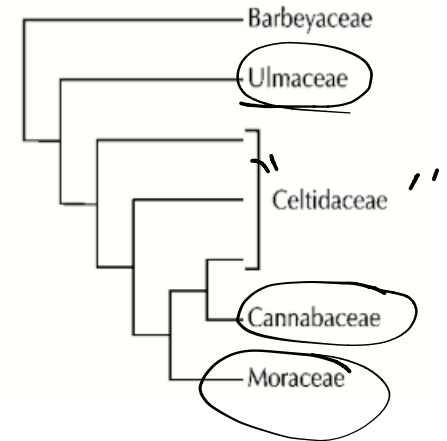
**A) Humphries & Blackmore, 1989**



**B) Judd, Sanders & Donoghue, 1994**



**C) Zavada & Kim, 1996**



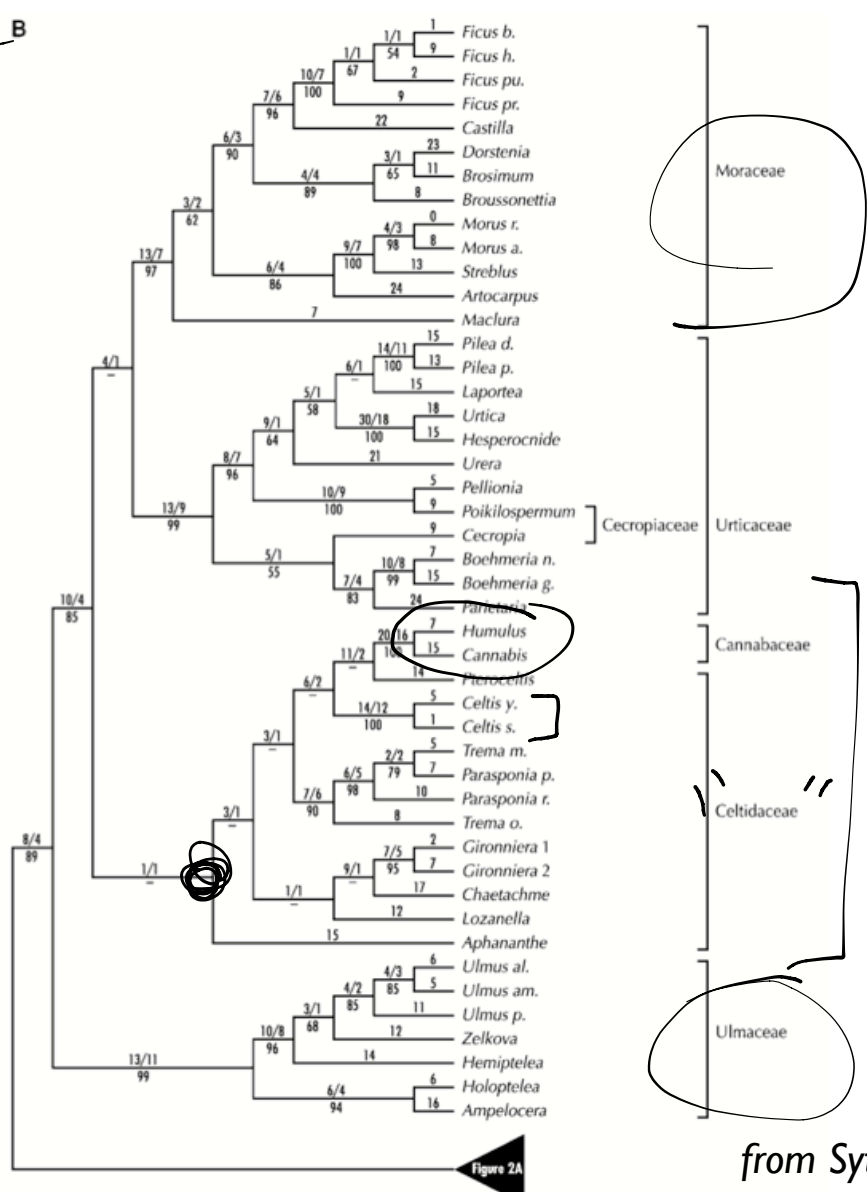


Figure 2A

CANNABACEAE S.I.

from Sytsma et al. 2002, AJB

## Ulmaceae (elm family)

Ulmaceae - 6 genera/40species, including Ulmus.

ЭЛКОВА

**Woody** trees or shrubs, mostly N temperate.

Leaves simple, alternate, **bases often oblique**, **pinnate venation with secondary veins ending in teeth.**

Flowers inconspicuous, bisexual or unisexual, wind pollinated

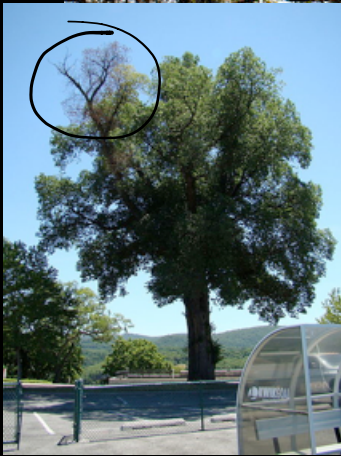
**Fruit a flattened, disc-like samara with central seed surrounded by thin wing**



# *Ulmus americana* - American elm



DUTCH-ELM DISEASE



# *Ulmus pumila* - Siberian elm

CULTIVATED  
escaped  
naturalized  
invasive



Photo by:  
Richard Old



NATIVE TO ASIA

→ WIND BREAK IN W.  
N Am.

Woody in Riparian Zones  
In Dry West

## Cannabaceae s.l. USED TO BE JUST CANNABIS + HUMULUS

Cannabaceae – 11 genera/180 species, woody members include *Celtis* (previously Celtidaceae or Ulmaceae subfamily Celtidoidea).

Woody or herbaceous

Leaves simple, alternate, **pinnate venation with secondary**

**veins forming series of loops.**

Flowers inconspicuous, bisexual or unisexual

**Fruit a drupe (fleshy, indehiscent with stony endocarp surrounding single seed)**



# *Celtis reticulata* - netleaf hackberry



# *Celtis occidentalis* - northern hackberry





# Moraceae

Moraceae – 50 genera/1500 species, of trees, shrubs, vines. Primarily distributed in the warmer regions of the world, but with several temperate species. *Ficus* (figs) is the most diverse genus with over 800 species – mostly tropical and shows an amazing array of growth forms from **epiphytes, vines, shrubs, small trees, shrubs etc. to large trees**.

Flowers small, inconspicuous, bisexual or unisexual, wind pollinated (*Ficus* is an exception)

Milky latex distributed throughout the plant.

Fruits are multiples.



# Morus alba - white mulberry

CULTIVATED  
escaped  
naturalized  
invasive



Morus → 2 NA.

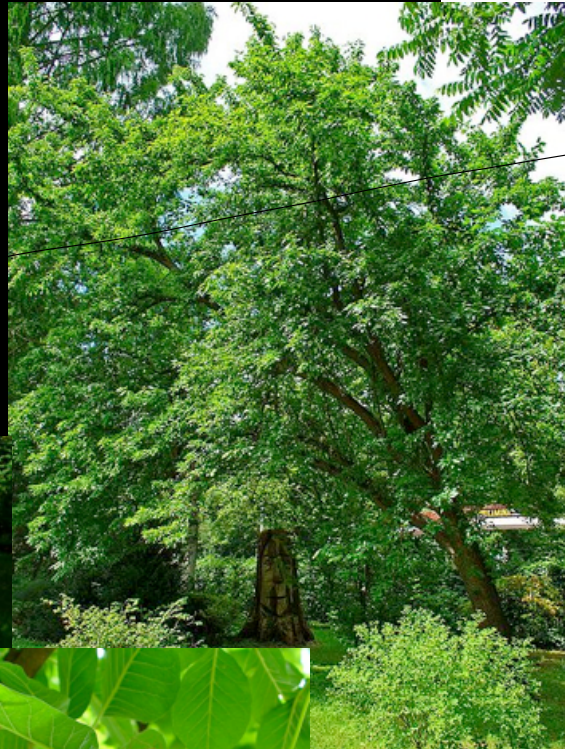
NATIVE TO CHINA

[ Light-colored  
Buds ]

NATIVE → M. RUBRA

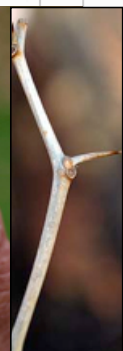
[ DARK Buds ]

# *Maclura pomifera* - osage orange



RESTRICTED NATIVE RANGE

GOMPHOTHALE HYPOTHESIS



# Anacardiaceae

*Rhus glabra*  
smooth sumac

*Rhus typhina*  
staghorn sumac

CASHEN FAMILY → TROPICAL  
DIVERSITY

→ MULTISTEMMED SHRUBS  
→ OPEN AREAS



# Anacardiaceae

Toxicodendron → Urticarial (oil → skin irritant)

*T. radicans*  
poison ivy

EAST



*T. diversilobum*  
poison oak

WEST



*T. vernix* NE  
poison sumac

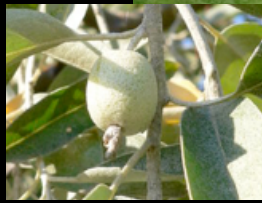


# *Elaeagnus angustifolia* - Russian olive (Elaeagnaceae)

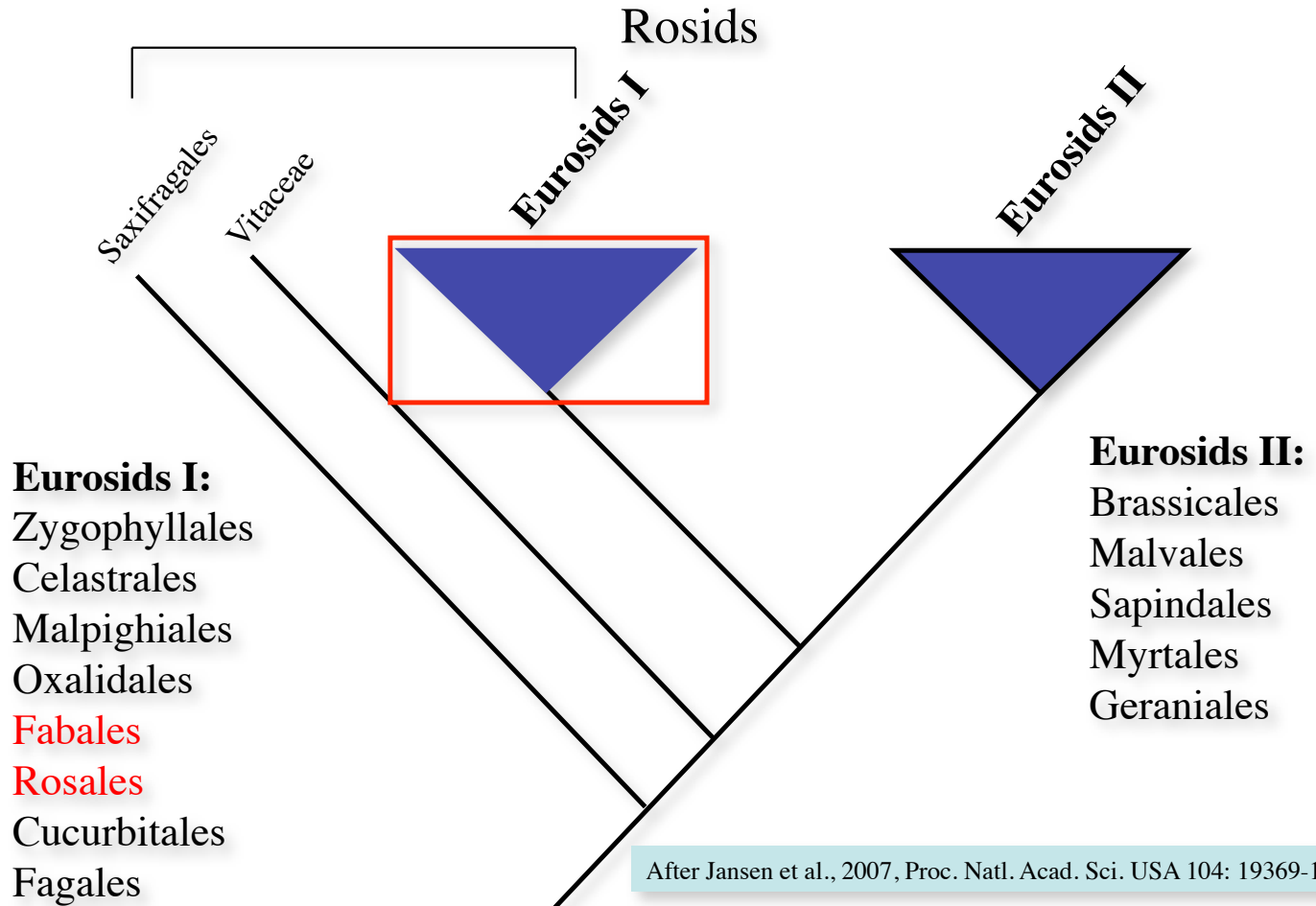
CULTIVATED  
escaped  
naturalized  
invasive



PEST IN HYPARIAN ZONES!  
+ DISTURBED AREAS



# Phylogeny of Rosids



## Rosaceae (Rose family)

Rosaceae – 90 genera/3000 species, including apples, pears, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, plums, cherries, peaches, etc..

Woody or herbaceous;

Leaves usually compound, but sometimes simple; **usually with stipules**

Flowers actinomorphic;

Sepals and Petals 5, polypetalous;

**Stamens many;**

**Hypanthium usually present;**

Carpels 1 to many; ovary superior, inferior, or half inferior.

Fruit a drupelet, achene, pome, drupe, capsule, or follicle.



## Rosaceae (Rose family)



*Exochorda racemosa*;

**Fruit type: Follicle**

A dry, dehiscent fruit composed of a single carpel and opening along a single side

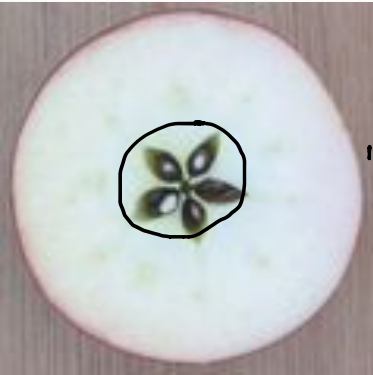


*Spiraea alba*;

**Fruit type: Capsule**

A dry, dehiscent fruit composed of more than one carpel

# Rosaceae (Rose family)



Apple; *Malus domestica*;



Pear; *Pyrus sp.*;

## Fruit type: Pome

FLESHY, INDEHISCENT, <sup>FROM A</sup> CMP ~~FR~~ PISTIL  
→ CORE SURROUNDED BY  
FLESHY RECEPTACLE



Cherry;  
*Prunus avium*



Peach;  
*Prunus persica*



Plum;  
*Prunus domestica*

## Fruit type: Drupe

A fleshy, indehiscent  
fruit with a stony  
endocarp surrounding a  
usually single seed

## Rosaceae (Rose family)



**Rose; *Rosa sp.***

**Fruit type: Hip**

A berry-like structure composed of an enlarged hypanthium surrounding numerous achenes

## Rosaceae (Rose family)



*Prunus padus*;

**Note flowers are actinomorphic, numerous stamens, 1 carpel, and the hypanthium.**

**Subfamily: Prunoideae**

## Rosaceae (Rose family)



*Malus hupehensis*;

**Note flowers are actinomorphic, numerous stamens, 2-5 carpels, inferior ovary fused with the hypanthium.**  
Subfamily: Pomoideae



*Pyrus serrulata*;

## Rosaceae (Rose family)



*Exochorda racemosa;*

**Note flowers are actinomorphic, numerous stamens,  
2-5 carpels, and the hypanthium.**

**Subfamily: Spiraeoideae**

## Rosaceae (Rose family)



*Fragaria virginiana*;

**Note flowers are actinomorphic, numerous stamens, numerous pistils, and the hypanthium.**

**Subfamily: Rosoideae**

# Traditional classification within Rosaceae

## Subfamilies

### Spiraeoideae

PHYSOCARPUS  
HOLODISCUS

## Carpels

2-5 [free or connate]



## Fruit type

follicle or capsule



### Prunoideae (Amygaloideae)

PRUNUS

1



drupe



### Pomoideae (Maloideae)

CRATAEGUS  
AMELANCHIER

2-5, inferior, connate



pome



### Rosoideae

numerous [free]

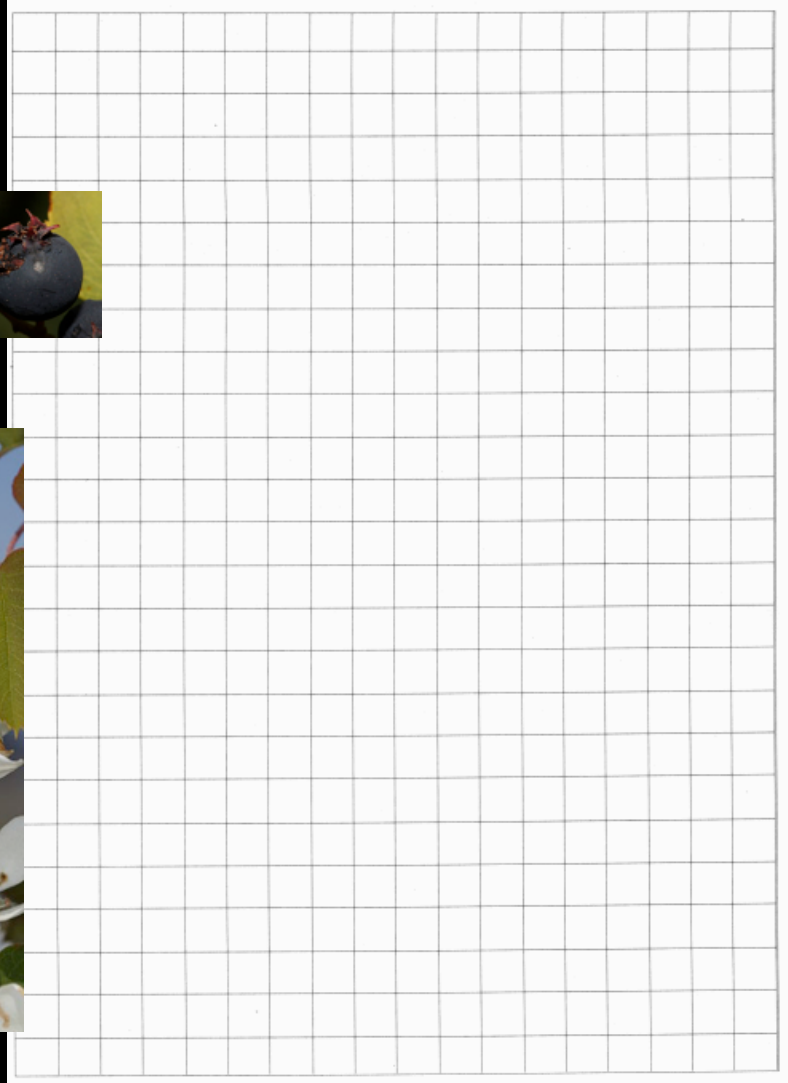


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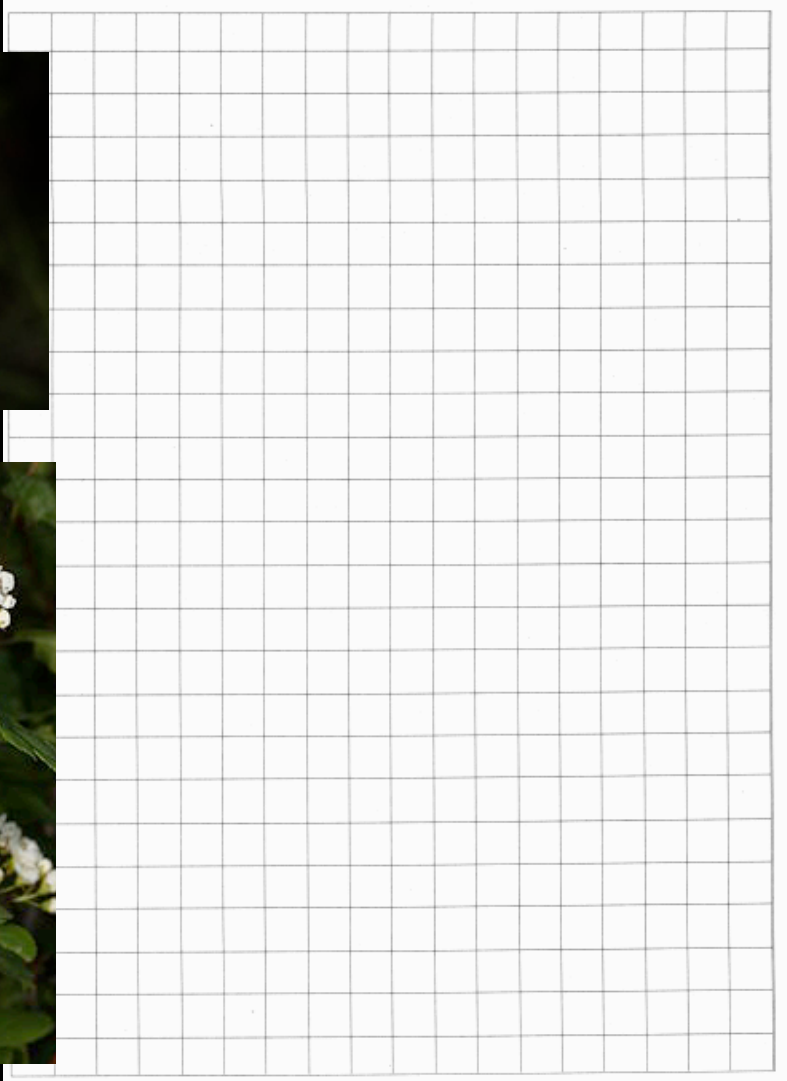




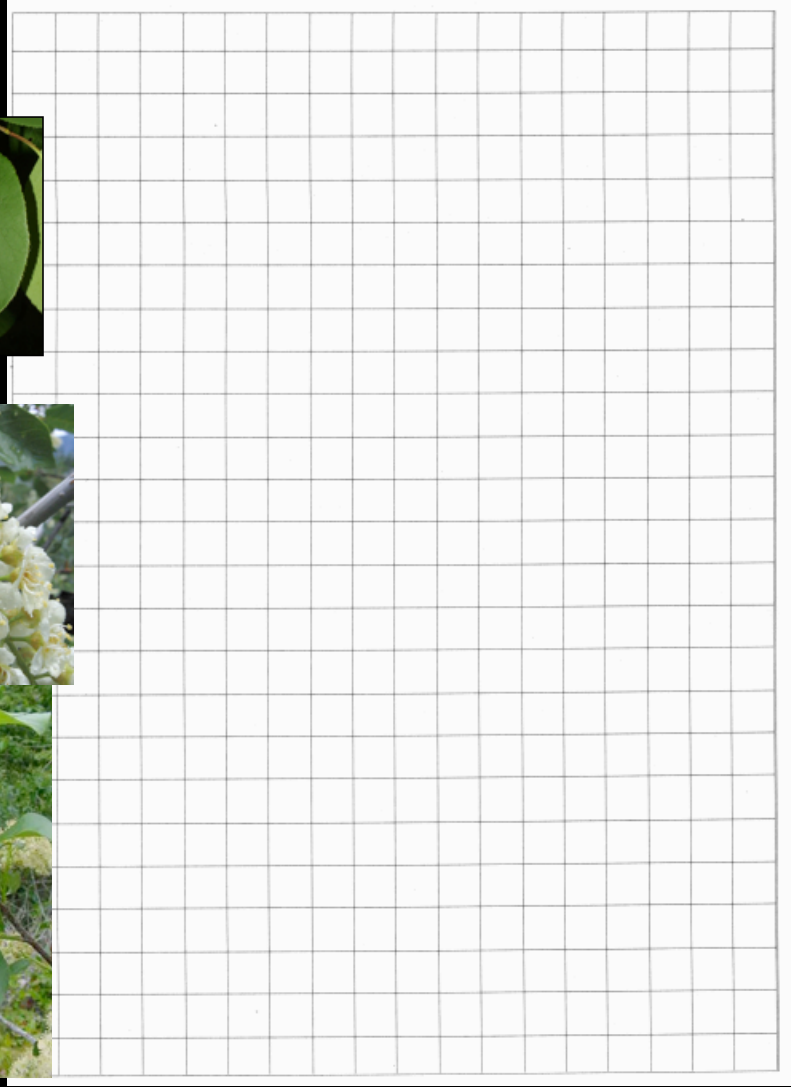
# *Amelanchier alnifolia* - serviceberry



# *Crataegus douglasii* - black hawthorn



# *Prunus virginiana* - chokecherry



# Rosaceae - Prunoideae

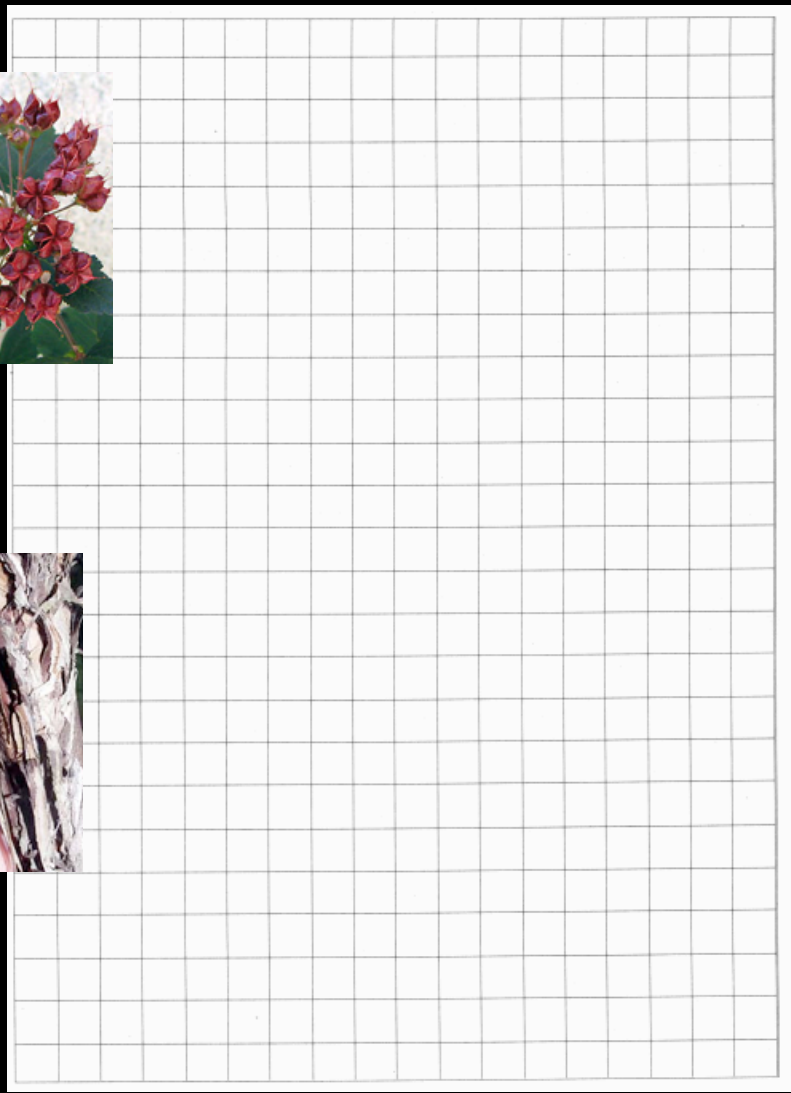
## *Prunus virginiana* chokecherry



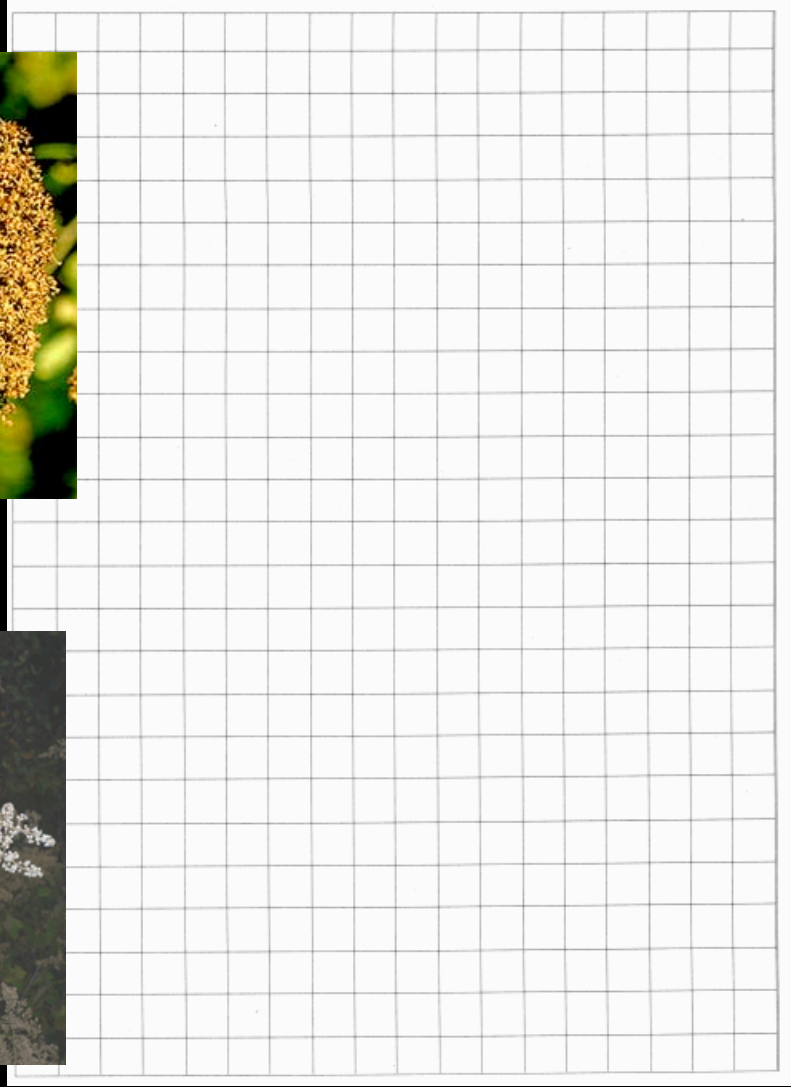
## *Prunus serotina* black cherry



# *Physocarpus malvaceus* - mallow ninebark



# *Holodiscus discolor* - oceanspray



## Fabaceae = Leguminosae (Legume or Bean family)

Fabaceae – 640 genera/18,000 species, 3rd largest family of angiosperm, including peas, beans, peanuts, soybeans, alfalfa, lupine, clover, etc..

$N_2$  FIXERS  $\rightarrow$  MUTUALISM w/ RHIZOBIUM

Mostly woody tropical trees, but in temperate zone mostly herbs;

Leaves usually compound (pinnate, palmate, ternate), stipules present.

Flowers zygomorphic (Papilionoideae, Caesalpinoideae) or actinomorphic (Mimosoideae, common in tropics and not in temperate zones);

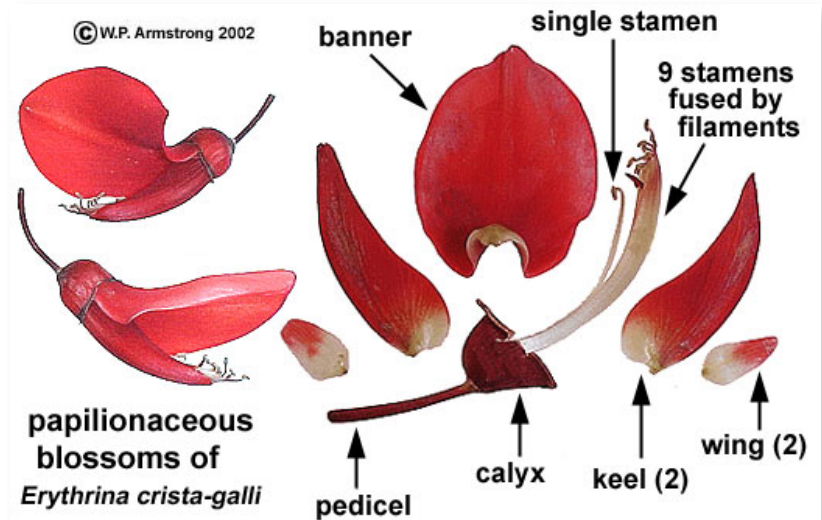
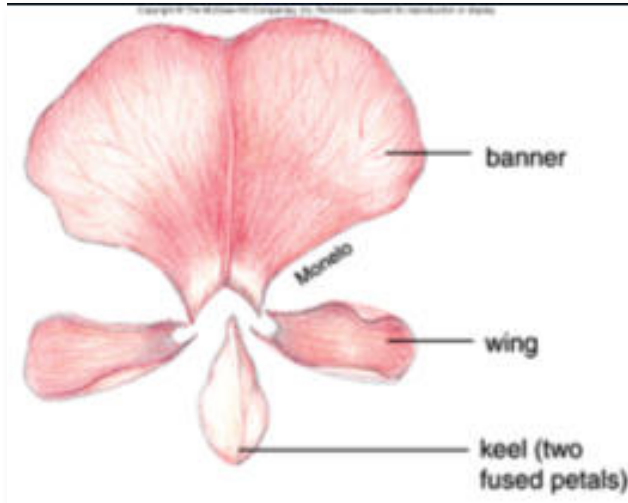
Sepals and Petals 5, polypetalous;

Stamens 10 (in Papilionoideae, diadelphous) or many;

Ovary superior (carpel 1);

Fruit a legume.

# Fabaceae = Leguminosae (Legume or Bean family)



**Note flowers are zygomorphic and showy, composed of a banner, two wings, and a keel (two fused petals); The 10 stamens are diadelphous (1+9).**

**Diadelphous:** stamens united into two, often unequal, sets by their filaments.



## Fabaceae = Leguminosae (Legume or Bean family)



*Lathyrus latifolia;*

**Note the structure of the flower (a banner, two wings, and a keel) and 9 filaments united into a tube.**

## Fabaceae = Leguminosae (Legume or Bean family)



*Cassia grandis*;



*Chamaecrista fasciculata*;

**Note flowers are showy and more or less zygomorphic; the lower two petals are not fused; the 10 stamens are all free**

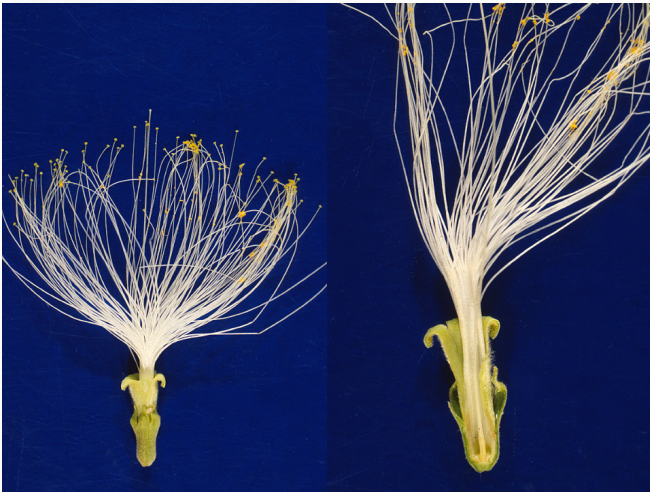
## Fabaceae = Leguminosae (Legume or Bean family)



*Acacia nilotica*;



*Prosopis juliflora*;



**Note that each inflorescence has very dense flowers opening more or less simultaneously. Each individual flower is actinomorphic and not showy. Stamens many, with long exerted filaments, form a brush that covers visiting insects or birds with pollen.**

# Fabaceae = Leguminosae (Legume or Bean family)

## 3 Subfamilies based on floral type:

**Papilionoideae (Faboideae)** flowers are typical pea/ “Flag” flowers:

bilaterally symmetric

conspicuous petal = banner for attraction

2 wings (that form a landing platform)

2 lower petals fused to form a “keel” (which encloses stamens & carpel)

diadelphous stamens (9 fused + 1 free)

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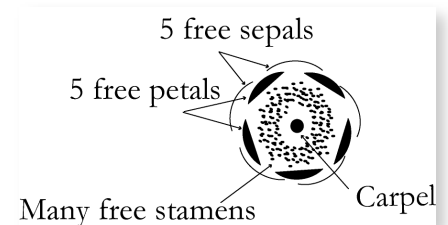
Flag Flower



• **Mimosoideae** flowers are called “brush” flowers

radially symmetric

many stamens that are exerted on long filaments and stamens form a brush that covers visiting insects or birds with pollen.

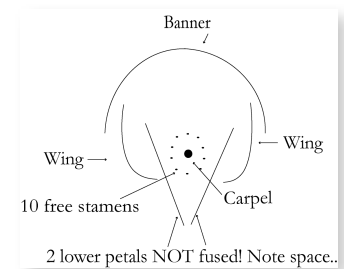


**Caesalpinoideae** flowers

bilaterally symmetric like flag flower

but the lower petals are NOT fused into a keel (5 free)

and the 10 stamens are all free



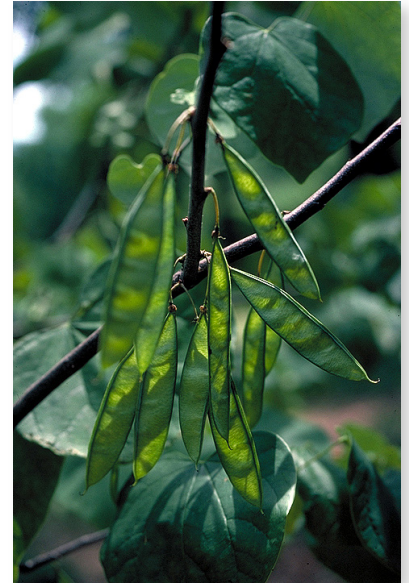
# Fabaceae = Leguminosae (Legume or Bean family)



*Pisum sativum*;  
Papilionoideae (Fabaoideae)



*Albizia julibrissin*;  
Mimosoideae

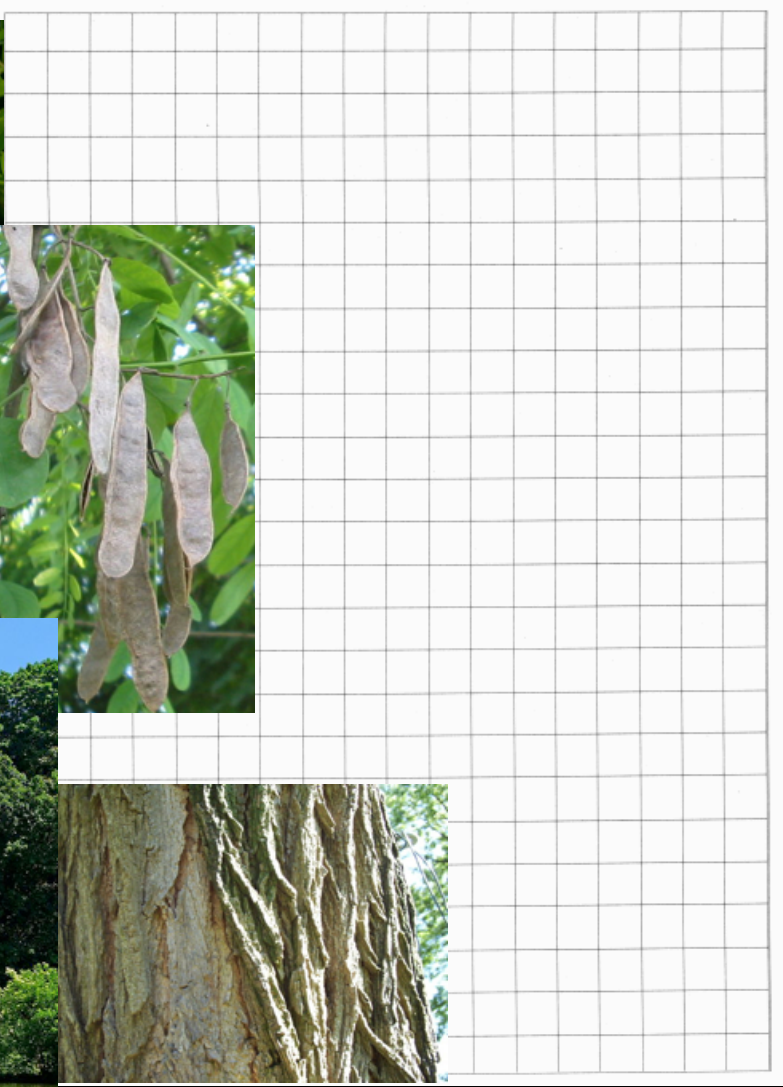
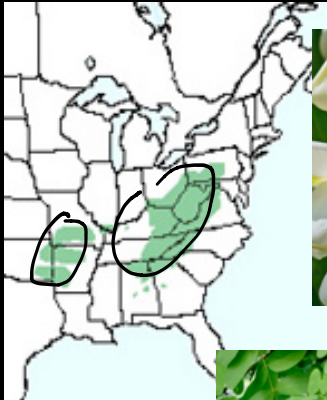


*Cercis canadensis*;  
Caesalpinoideae

**Note that although the flowers of these three traditionally recognized subfamilies are very different, the the fruits are essentially the same.**

**Legume:** FLESHY OR DRY, DEHISCENT, OPEN ALONG A SINGLE, CONTINUOUS SUTURE FROM 1 SIMPLE PISTIL

# *Robinia pseudoacacia* - black locust

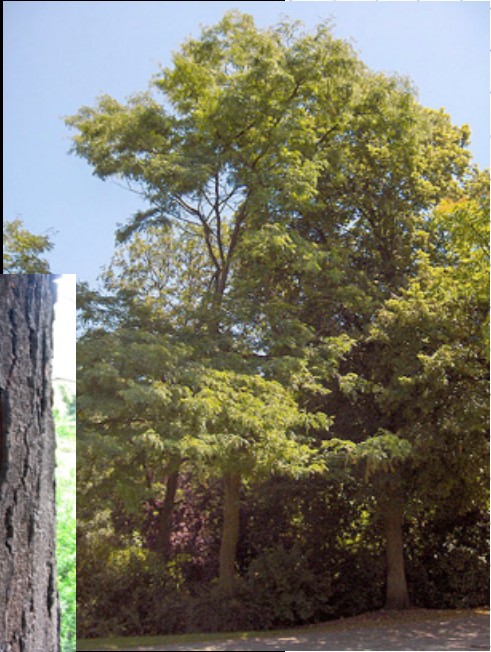


# Gleditsia triacanthos - honeylocust

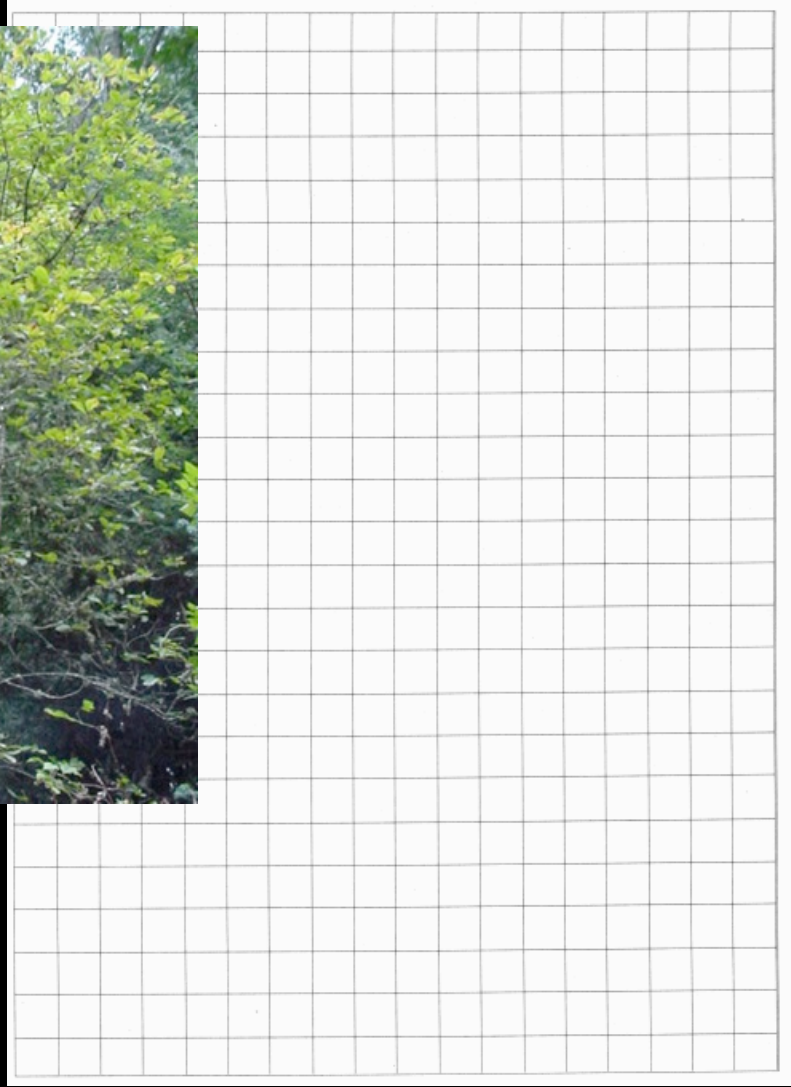


Gomphothone Hypothesis  
→ JANZEN (Ecologist)

No N<sub>2</sub> FIXATION



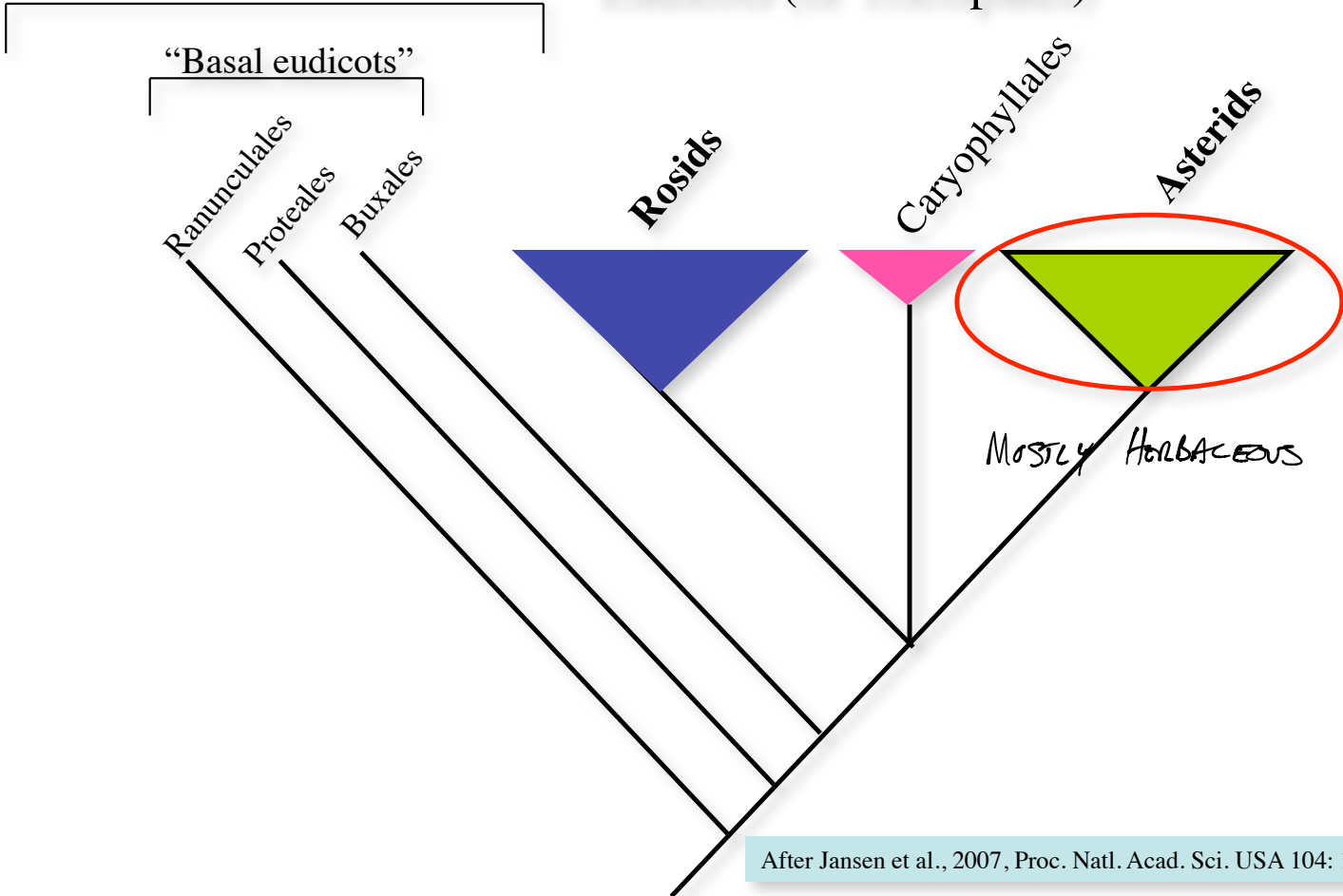
# *Rhamnus purshiana* - cascara (Rhamnaceae)



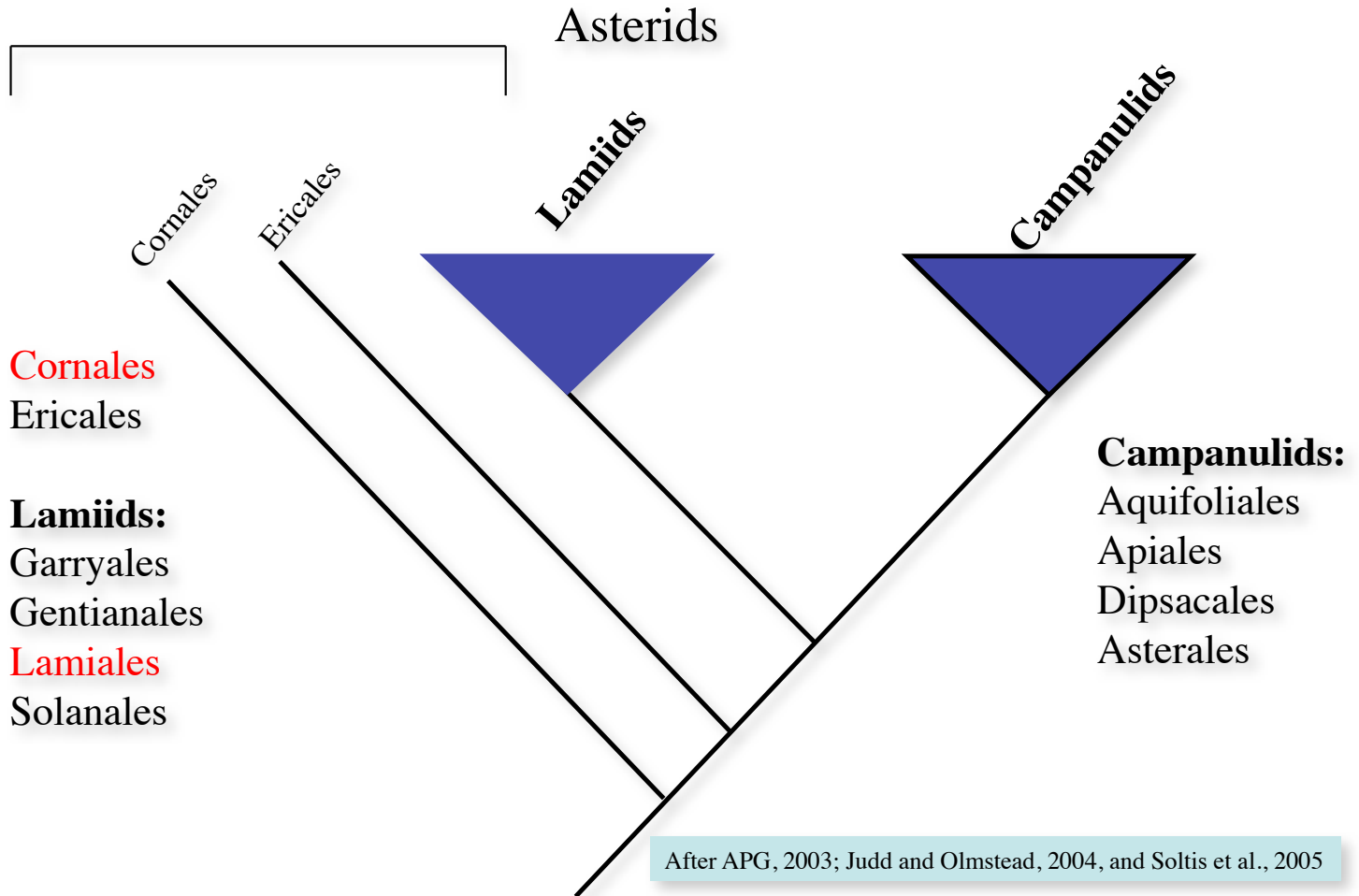


# Phylogeny of Eudicots (or Tricolpates)

## Eudicots (or Tricolpates)



# Phylogeny of Asterids



After APG, 2003; Judd and Olmstead, 2004, and Soltis et al., 2005

# Synapomorphies for Asterids and Core Asterids

## Synapomorphies for Asterids:

Iridoid compounds;

Unitegmic ovules;

Tenuinucellate ovules.

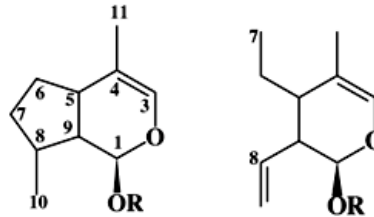


Figure 1. Numbering system for iridoid compounds (R= H or glucose).

## Synapomorphies for Core Asterids (Lamiids + Campanulids):

Gamopetalous corollas;

A single whorl of stamens that alternate with the petal lobes;

Epipetalous stamens;

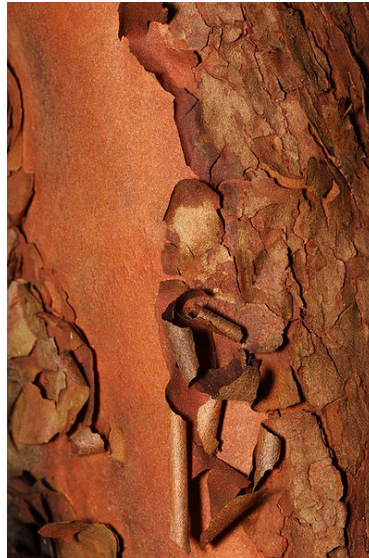
2 fused carpels.

## Ericaceae (Rhododendron family)



*Rhododendron macrophyllum*  
(Pacific Rhododendron, WA State Flower)

## Ericaceae (Rhododendron family)



*Arbutus menziesii*  
(Pacific madrone)

## Ericaceae (Rhododendron family)



*Vaccinium corymbosum*;

**The genus *Vaccinium* contains about 450 species, including blueberry, cranberry, huckleberry, etc..**

## N. hemisphere woody plant families with opposite leaves

**A MAD CAP HORSE =**

**Adoxaceae** (Elderberry family)

**Maple family (**Aceraceae**, included in Sapindaceae s.l. now)**

**Ash family (**Oleaceae**)**

**Dogwood family (**Cornaceae**)**

**Caprifoliaceae (honeysuckle family)**

**Horse chestnut family (**Hippocastanaceae**, included in Sapindaceae s.l. now)**

## Cornaceae (dogwood family)

Cornaceae – 7 genera/110 species - *Cornus* (dogwoods) and *Nyssa* (tupelo) with native representatives in US (7 spp., 4 SE US)

Trees, shrubs.

Leaves simple, opposite, arcuate venation (*Cornus* test).

Flowers actinomorphic.

usually 4 parted; corolla polypetalous.

ovary inferior;

Inflorescence often associated with several enlarged, showy, often petaloid bracts

Fruit a drupe.



## Cornaceae (dogwood family)



*Cornus sericea*;

**Note opposite leaves, arcuate venation**

## Cornaceae (dogwood family)

### *Cornus* test

**note: other species will  
do this too, but good  
along with other  
characters!**



## Cornaceae (dogwood family)



*Cornus florida;*

**Note showy, petaloid bracts, small 4-parted flowers**

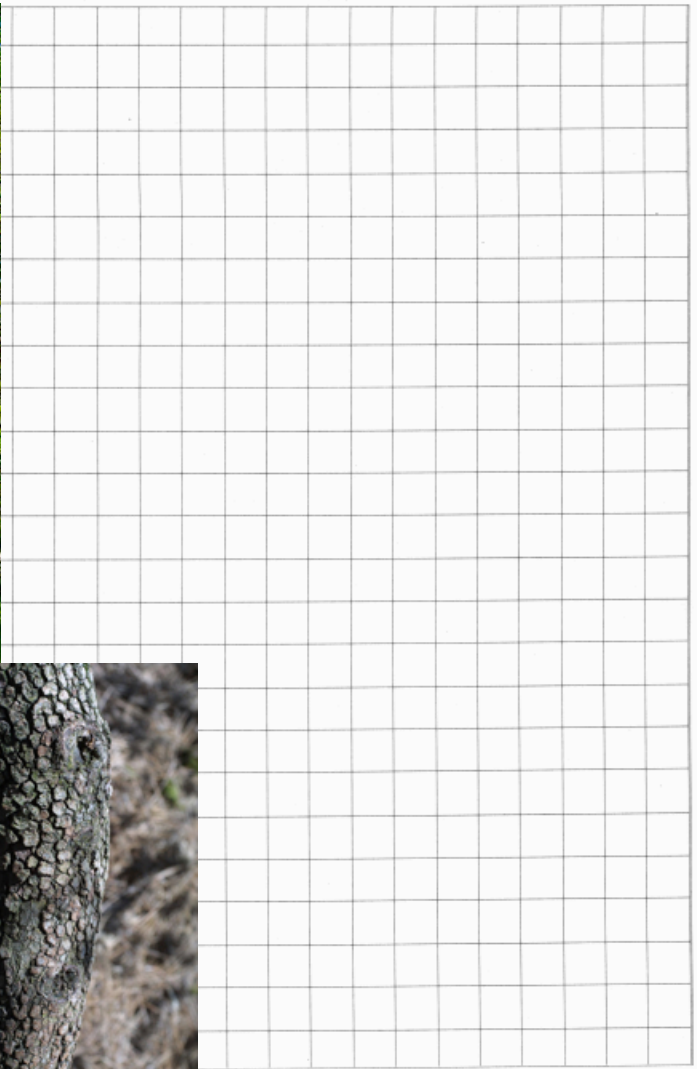
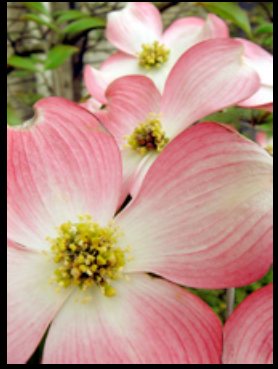
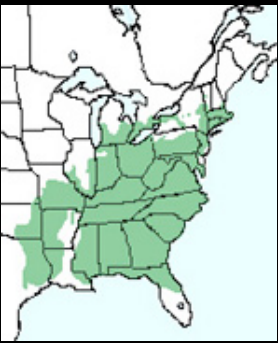
## Cornaceae (dogwood family)



*Cornus florida;*

**Note drupaceous fruits; inferior ovaries**

# *Cornus florida* - flowering dogwood



# Cornus nuttallii - Pacific dogwood



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# *Cornus sericea* - red-osier dogwood



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## Oleaceae (Ash or Olive family)

Oleaceae- 24 genera/615 species, including *Fraxinus* (ash), *Syringa* (lilac), and *Olea* (olive). *Fraxinus* has **65 spp. of temperate hardwoods (only important timber group in Oleaceae) – 17 spp. native to US.** *Syringa* is a very important ornamental shrub/small tree. *Olea* is locally important as a timber source, *Olea europaea* is the species for cultivated olives.

**Woody**, trees, shrubs, lianas.

Leaves **opposite**, simple, ternate, or pinnately compound.

Flowers actinomorphic, inflorescence often umbellate.

**Perianth parts in 4's, connate (gamopetalous).**

**Stamens 2;**

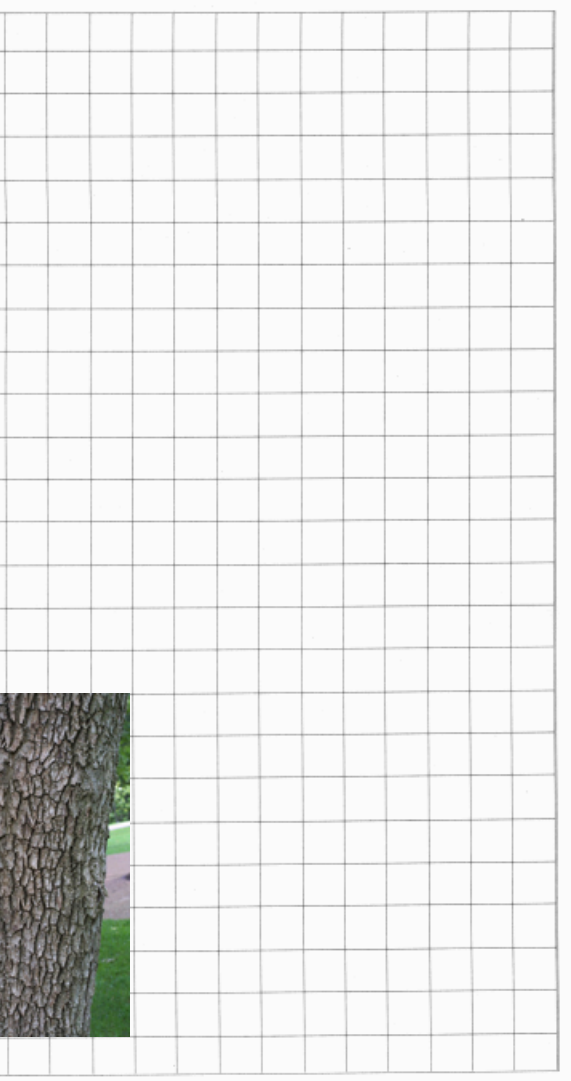
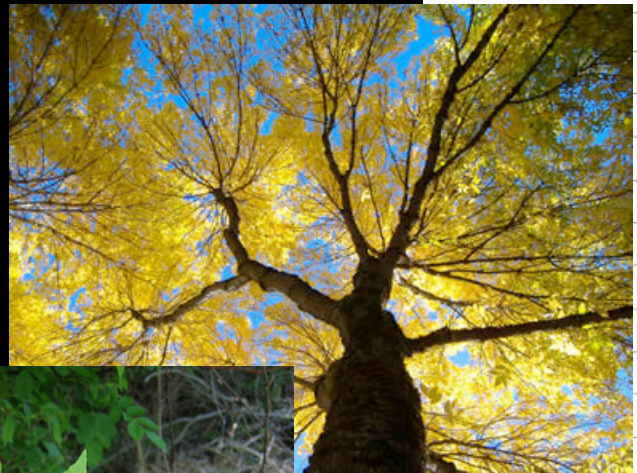
Carpels 2, connate;

**Ovary superior**

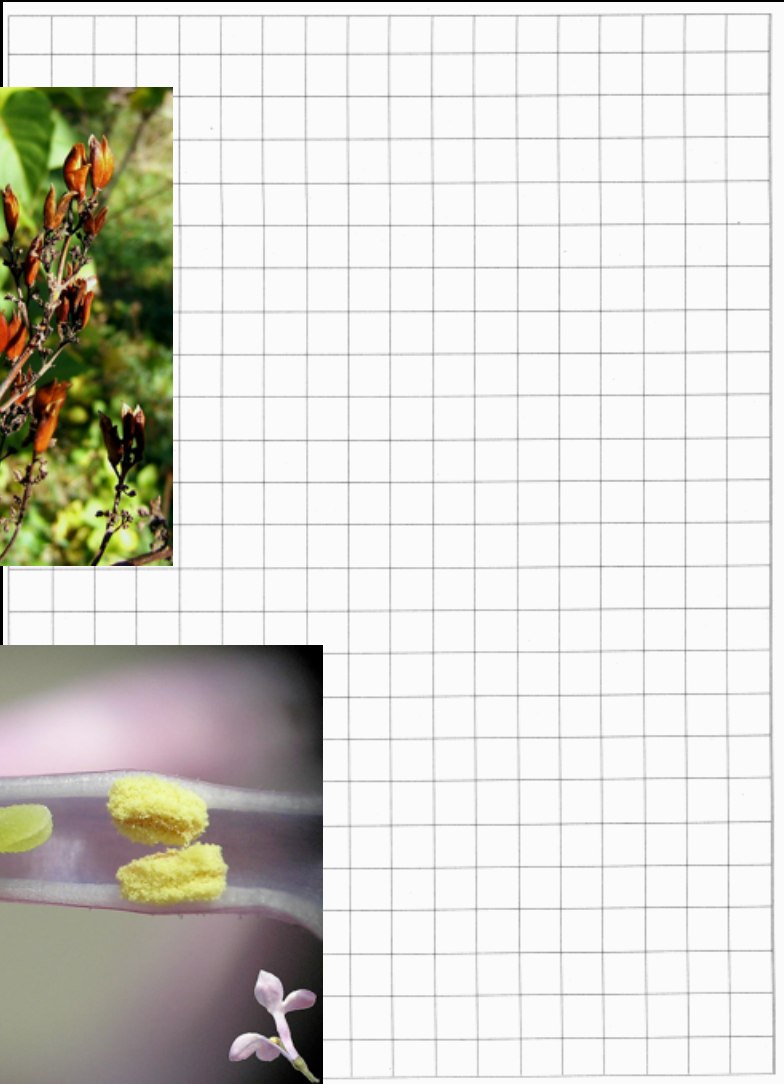
Fruit a capsule, samara, berry, or drupe.



# *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* - green ash



# *Syringa vulgaris* - common lilac



## N. hemisphere woody plant families with opposite leaves

HA, MAD CAP HORSE =

**Hydrangeaceae** (*Hydrangea* or mockorange [*Philadelphus*] family)

**Adoxaceae** (Elderberry family)

**Maple** family (**Aceraceae**, included in **Sapindaceae s.l.** now)

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# Hydrangeaceae

*Philadelphus lewisii* - mockorange (Syringa in north ID)



## Adoxaceae (Elderberry family)

Adoxaceae - 5 genera/245 species, including *Viburnum* and elderberry.

*Viburnum* has 220 spp., many of which are popular horticultural plants; *Sambucus* (elderberry) has 20 spp. The other three genera have 5 spp. together.

*Viburnum* and *Sambucus* are woody, the other 3 genera (5 spp.) are herbaceous.

Leaves opposite, simple, trifoliate, or pinnately compound.

Flowers actinomorphic, inflorescence often umbellate.

Petals (4-) 5, connate, with usually short corolla tube and well developed lobes.

Stamens 5;

Carpels 3-5, connate, styles short, stigma capitate;

Ovary inferior

Fruit a drupe.

## Adoxaceae (Elderberry family)



*Sambucus canadensis*; elderberry

## Adoxaceae (Elderberry family)



*Viburnum sargentii*;

**Note the peripheral sterile flowers;** You may think this is Hydrangea at the first glance — they do look very similar, but Hydrangea usually with floral parts 4, and corolla are polypetalous!

## Adoxaceae (Elderberry family)



*Sambucus canadensis*;



*Viburnum lentago*;

Plants in Adoxaceae have quite universal flower morphology. **Note** the 5 petals are connate (fused) with **usually short corolla tube and well developed corolla lobes**. Stamens 5.



## Adoxaceae (Elderberry family)



Note the inferior ovary and the short style with capitate stigma

*Viburnum carlesii*;