

Phellodendron amurense,

Amur Corktree

Often planted as an ornamental street tree, Corktree has been known to escape and establish populations in woodland areas.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, LIISMA. NH to MN, MO to VA.

Description: Growing to 35-45 feet tall, this tree has opposite, compound leaves which smell like turpentine when you crush them. Leaflets are elliptical and 2.5-4.5 inches long. The bark is thick and corky (hence the name) and is bright yellow when you cut into it. This tree can quickly invade disturbed forest areas, a prime example being the Thain Forest in the Bronx Botanical Garden. They prefer full sun and rich soils. The leaves turn a yellowish-bronze in the fall.

Control: No manual control. Sprouts could be pulled if identified.

Look-alikes: Looks somewhat like Ash Trees, though with much different bark.

Flower Time and Description: The yellow flowers bloom in panicles in the months of May-June though they are not very noticeable.



Photo Credit: Missouri Botanical Garden

