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The leaves are both opposite (growing on opposite sides of the twig), and pinnately compound (having leaflets) between 8-12 inches long with usually 7 leaflets, nearly untoothed, 2-5 inches each. Unlike the green ash the leaflets have a whitish color on the underside of the leaf.

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The fruit is a cluster of keys (seeds with wings) in the shape of canoe paddles, with the seed at the handle. Note that the wing does not extend to the base of the seed.

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The bark of the White Ash is often a good identifier: it is dark gray with deep diamond-shaped furrows and forking ridges. The Green Ash has a simpler scaled bark. The ends of the branches seem always to turn gracefully upwards.

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The ashes are the only group of trees that have opposite compound leaves with 5 or more leaflets. White Ash wood is ideal for making anything from baseball bats, to oars, to toys. Note that the branches of the Green Ash are generally shorter and stubbier than the more graceful White Ash.

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