



Oregon Ash

Fraxinus latifolia

Olive Family (*Oleaceae*)

General Description: fast growing tree, reaching up to 100ft tall. Narrow to rounded spreading crown, commonly found growing in groves.

Key Characteristics: Brown or gray furrowed bark, with red or olive green stubby twigs. Raised, tan, vertical lenticels. Opposite brown, prominent buds, 1/4 inch long by 1/4 inch wide. Buds surrounded by horse shoe or shield shaped bud scar with visible bundle scars.

Confused With: Bigleaf maple or red alder because of silhouette, but distinguished by branching pattern and lack of catkins, as well as color and bud shape.

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