

## Do you have a Box Elder Maple tree?

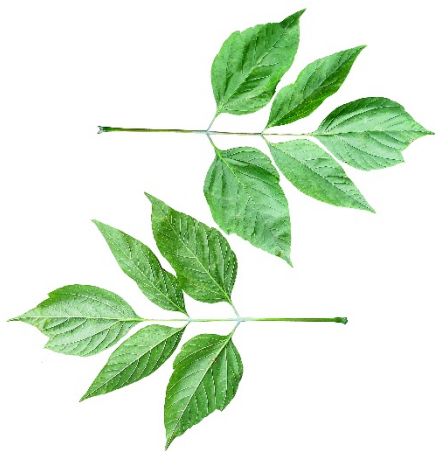
We would like the community's help to report the location of these trees to help us respond to the detection of the exotic and invasive polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB)

PSHB loves to hide in the Box Elder Maple (*Acer negundo*) tree, so we are mapping and monitoring these "sentinel" trees to prevent the spread of this exotic pest, which digs tunnels in the trunks and branches. The beetle also spreads a fungus which disrupts the flow of water and nutrients to the tree.

We are asking community members to report to DPIRD the location of Box Elder trees - regardless of their condition.

### Box Elder *Acer negundo*

Native to North America, Box Elder trees grow up to 10-25m tall. Unlike most other maples, this tree usually has three to seven leaflets with coarse serrated edges. Box Elder fruit has two wing-like structures, containing two seeds.



*Acer negundo* leaves



*Acer negundo* flowers

### How to report

To report Box Elder trees or potential PSHB activity, download the MyPestGuide™ Reporter App (Google Play Store and Apple iTunes Store), visit [mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au](https://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au), or call the Pest and Disease Information Service on +61 (0)8 9368 3080, or email [padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au).

### More information

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