



## ***Single-leaf Ash in the Landscape***

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## ***Fraxinus anomala*** **Single-leaf Ash**



**Description:** Large shrub to small tree with glossy dark green leaves that turn a beautiful yellow in the fall. Tends to be shrub-like but can be pruned into a tree form. This is the only ash that does not have a compound leaf. It is a very tough plant that can endure harsh environments and soils. It is also highly drought-tolerant. This plant can be found naturally in hot dry climates. Birds are attracted to the seeds.

### **Cultural Requirements:**

- Native habitat                      Well-drained, rocky

- Soil Well-drained, rocky
- Cold Tolerance Hardy to -10°F
- Drought Tolerance High
- Water Tolerance Moderate
- Salt Tolerance Moderate
- Sun/Shade Preference Full sun, shade intolerant
- Transplanting Easy
- Propagation Seed
- Maintenance Prune for health and vigor
- Pest problems No serious pests

Landscape Value:

- Use in the Landscape
- Foliage
- Inflorescence Inconspicuous
  - Timing Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct
  - Color
- Leaf color Bright Green that is characteristic to many of the north American ashes.
- Fruit (seed heads) many fall color yellow  
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- Form Somewhat irregular
- Texture Medium
- Ultimate Size 20 feet
- Rate of Growth Slow, faster with additional water
- Plant Community parkland, pinyon-juniper, cool desert shrub
- Availability Low
- Cultivar None

**Additional Photos:**



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