



Cercidiphyllum japonicum

Katsuratree

Cercidiphyllaceae

Located outside W.B. Young building
by Perkins garden.

- leaves opposite to sub-opposite, rounded or broad ovate, with cordate base
- leaves resemble *Cercis*, with weakly serrate margin
- leaves blue-green, turning orange-yellow-salmon in fall
- buds small, with two scales, reddish, appressed, like "crab claws"
- stems smooth, brown, with swollen nodes and small spur-like growths on older growth
- flowers small, inconspicuous, with no petals, scattered along older stems, in very early spring before leaves
- fruit is a small pod (shaped like a banana) that splits open, borne in small clusters at the nodes, only on female trees
- bark brown, developing vertical plates that are shaggy and peel from edges
- habit is a large tree, single-stem or multi-stemmed
- habit is pyramidal in youth, becoming spreading (wider than tall) with age
- plant gives off a spicy aroma in autumn as the leaves color and



Weigela florida

Old Fashioned Weigela Caprifoliaceae

Located in bed behind biotechnology building.

- leaves opposite, ovate-oblong, acuminate, with minute serrations
- leaves medium to dark green, with poor fall color
- buds small, imbricate, appressed, brown
- stems gray-brown, often with a row of black hairs running from node to node
- flowers tubular, solitary or in small groups, from leaf axils, in late spring and sporadically through fall
- flowers usually reddish-pink, may be white or other colors depending on cultivar
- fruit is a brown pointed capsule ("bottle" shaped) with two valves, splitting and persisting in fall
- habit is a medium to large shrub with a spreading habit
- plant is dense, with branches that may arch to the ground
- plant appears gaunt and ragged in winter, with twiggy brown branches that look lifeless

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Ailanthus altissima

Tree of Heaven Simaroubaceae

Located next to warehouse and heating plant.

- leaves alternate, pinnate compound, very long, with 13-25 leaflets
- leaflets lanceolate-ovate, with coarse marginal teeth at base (unlike *Rhus typhina*)
- leaflets dark green, little fall color
- buds small, rounded, squat, reddish brown, usually with two visible scales
- buds sit above large, distinct horseshoe-shaped leaf scars on stem
- stems thick, coarse, yellow-brown, with little or know hair (contrast with *Rhus typhina*)
- stems have unpleasant smell when crushed
- bark on older stems has fine vertical lines
- flowers dioecious, in large clusters, green-yellow, often with unpleasant aroma
- fruit found only on mature female trees, a narrow winged samara borne in large clusters (contrast with *Rhus typhina*)
- habit is an upright, small-medium tree with open crown and coarse habit



Kolkwitzia
amabilis
Beautybush
Caprifoliaceae

Located in front of Arjona building by entrance steps.

- leaves opposite, ovate, acuminate, with few or no marginal teeth
- leaves dark green; turning poor yellow-orange in fall
- buds small, brown, imbricate, usually divergent to 45°
- stems thin, rounded, purple-brown
- bark on old stems exfoliates into shaggy brown-orangish sheets
- flowers tubular, pink with a yellow throat, profuse at every node, in mid-spring
- fruit is an unusual bristly brown capsule, in clusters, long persistent and a good ID feature
- habit is a dense, large multi-stemmed shrub with an upright vase shape

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Symphoricarpos albus

Common Snowberry Caprifoliaceae

Located in front of the Rainbow Center
near 195.

- leaves opposite, oval-elliptic, often with irregular rounded lobes
- leaves small, blue-green, with little fall color
- buds very small, red-brown
- stems slender, brown-gray, slightly pubescent
- flowers tubular, small, pink, in small spikes at stem tips, in late spring
- fruit is a distinctive ID feature, a round berry-drupe colored bright white
- fruit is clustered and often lumpy; persists but often discolors
- habit is a small to medium shrub with fine twigs and a suckering, straggling habit
- plant has upright, arching shoots and appears ratty in winter

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