

SOUTHERN INDIANA'S 10 MOST WANTED INVASIVES

INVASION OF FOREST EDGE COMMUNITIES AND WASTE AREAS;
CONSPIRACY TO INTRODUCE TOXIN TO SOIL

TREE-OF-HEAVEN



Aliases: ailanthus

DESCRIPTION

Entered U.S.: 1784

Place of Entry: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Height: 15 to 24 meters

Flowering Period: April to May

Habitat: Waste places, roadsides, old fields,
other disturbed habitats

Remarks: Male flowers have an objectionable odor, and some people are allergic to their pollen, which may produce symptoms of hay fever. The roots, which are considered poisonous, get into drains, springs, and wells. The toxins are thought to infiltrate the soil and prohibit growth of native flora. Weak branches are easily broken by storms. Tolerant of crowded dusty cities and smoky factory districts, plants often even grow out of cracks in concrete.

Scars and Marks: Spreading, rounded, open crown of stout branches and coarse foliage; male flowers and crushed leaves have disagreeable odor.

Flowers: Yellowish-green

Fruit: Reddish-green/brown

Bark/Twigs: Light brown

Odor: Objectionable

Nationality: China

CAUTION

TREE-OF-HEAVEN ALREADY GROWS ALONG MANY ROADS, AND THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN INDIANA. IF NOT STOPPED SOON THIS TREE MAY BE UNSTOPPABLE!

CONSIDERED ARMED WITH TOXIN AND EXTREMELY INVASIVE

IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THIS TREE,
PLEASE TAKE ACTION.

“REWARD”

We are offering a reward (the satisfaction of helping your environment) in exchange for help leading to the eradication of this Top Ten Most Wanted Invasive.