Oregon Ash (Fraxinus latifolia)

**Distribution**
Oregon Ash grows throughout Western Washington and Oregon from sea level to 3,000 feet. It is more predominant in the southern part of the region.

**Growth Habit**
It is a large upright deciduous tree, growing to over 60 feet tall on a favorable site. It may only reach 25 feet tall on drier soils. It develops a full, rounded canopy when grown on an open site, and a narrow upright habit when grown in a thicket of other trees.

**Adaptability**
Oregon Ash can be found growing in a wide range of sites, from wet to dry and sunny to shady. It is best-suited however to moist soils, and often grows along streams, particularly in bottom-lands with heavy, wet soils. It is tolerant of sites that flood seasonally. Growth and vigor are maximized with full exposure.

**Comments**
- Oregon Ash is a good tree for conservation and restoration projects. It grows large and vigorous, providing shade for streams and habitat for birds and other wildlife.
- It is well adapted for use in restoring riparian habitat.
- Oregon Ash is grown commercially for tool handles, furniture building, veneer, pulp, and fuel.
- It is also valued as an ornamental for its full, rounded canopy and bright yellow fall color.