

Help Find This Tree!

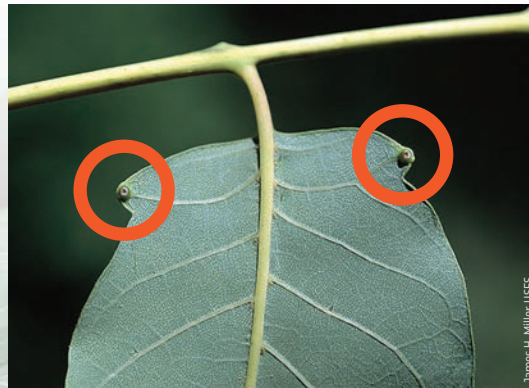
Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) is an introduced tree that can form dense clumps and crowd out other plants. It is also the favored plant of spotted lanternfly, an agricultural pest. If you see this plant, please report it to VTinvasives.org.

How to Identify Tree-of-Heaven



James H. Miller, USFS

Tree-of-heaven has compound or feather-like leaves, made up of smaller alternately arranged leaflets. Each leaf can be 1 to 4 feet long.



James H. Miller, USFS

Tree-of-heaven leaflets have small glands at the base. When crushed they smell like burnt peanut butter.

What You Can Do



Your observations can help protect Vermont's landscape. Take a photo and report it to VTinvasives.org

Tree-of-heaven saplings look a lot like sumac. Here are some ways you can tell them apart:



James H. Miller, USFS

Tree-of-heaven leaflets have smooth edges.



Robert Vitek, Doronicum, Kft.

Sumac leaflets have serrations or teeth on their edges.



Chuck Kangeron, UGA

Female tree-of-heaven have winged seeds or samaras in the fall.



Robert Vitek, Doronicum, Kft.

Sumac have large, upright clusters of fruit or drupes in the fall.



Extension
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences



AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & MARKETS
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS & RECREATION

All Images from Bugwood