



# Tree of Heaven

*Ailanthus altissima*



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## **Appearance**

up to 80 ft tall and 6 ft in diameter

smooth, brownish-green bark (young)

brown to gray with cantaloupe-like bark (mature)

## **Foliage**

pinnately compound, 1-4 ft with 10-40 leaflets

leaflets are lance-shaped with 1-2 protruding bumps

crushed leaves give off a strong, offensive odor

## **Flowers**

present in early spring

yellow-green, clusters with a repulsive odor

## **Fruit**

present in fall and persist through winter

bright orange-red turning brown, large clusters

## **Ecological Threat**

native to Taiwan and central China

rapid grower, prolific roots sprouting, hosts the Spotted lanternfly