

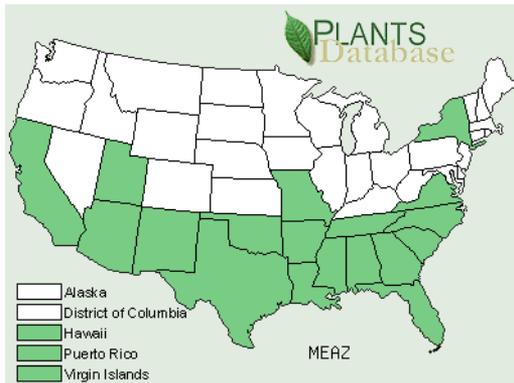
# *Melia azedarach*

Chinaberry

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**Form:** Deciduous tree up to 15 m. Much branched with multiple boles.

**Leaves:** Alternately whorled, twice-pinnately compound, 30-60 cm long. Dark green with lacy appearance. Leafstalk lime green with base slightly clasping stem. Individual leaflets 3-7 cm long, with margins entire to coarsely crenate to serrate and wavy.

**Flowers/fruit:** Flowers Mar-May. Pinkish-lavender to whitish petals, stamens united in dark purple tube. Fragrant. Fruit is a spherical drupe 1.2 to 1.8 cm wide. Light green turning yellowish green then yellowish tan. Poisonous to humans and livestock.

**Habitat:** Roadsides, forest margins, and around old homesites.

**Similar species:** Common elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis*, a spreading crowned shrub with once-pinnately compound leaves, margins finely serrate, and green to dark-purple berries in flat-topped cluster.

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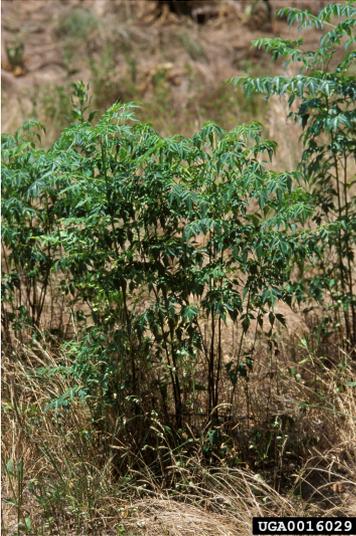
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