boxelder
*Acer negundo*

**Bark:** light orange/brown, slight fissures (young) - ridged & furrowed, dusty brown (mature)

**Foliage:** opposite, pinnately compound leaflets slightly loped or coarsely toothed

**Twigs:** current year green or purple, waxy white coat. Buds hidden under leaf-stem

**Flower:** dioecious, male/female separate; insignificant, blooms early spring

**Fruit:** paired “helicopters” (samaras) green to brown persisting in winter

Code: ACNE
Status: native