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Lincoln

American sycamore
Platanus occidentalis

Code: PLOC

Status: native



Bark: mottled brown/white/green, flaking/patchy & creamy/white smooth underneath

Foliage: alternate, simple 4-8" wide, lobed (like maple), coarse toothed edge

Twigs: slender, false terminal bud, single bud-cap, lateral buds hidden under leaf-stem

Flower: monoecious, small, clusters of yellow (male) and red (female) flowers on long stem

Fruit: round "ball" of many tightly packed seeds (achenes), persists in winter