

# Weed Alert!

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(*Ailanthus altissima*)

**Mature Size** Tree



## Description

- Up to 90 ft. deciduous tree with large pinnate leaves and small flowers
- White to greenish flowers ¼ in. wide, arranged in branched clusters 3-5 in. long
- Seeds contained in a large, papery winged capsule
- Alternate leaves up to 3 ft. long, with 10-27 pairs of dark green opposite leaflets
- Twigs stout, smooth, and reddish in color
- Bark, crushed leaves and flowers have a distinct peanut butter or popcorn smell
- Reproduces by seed and vegetatively by prolific root sprouting
- Spread by wind and horticulture
- Native to eastern Asia



**Bloom Period** May - Jun

**Habitat** Disturbed areas, roadsides, riparian, dry forest



**2-Minute Removal** Dig

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