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## Sassafras

*Sassafras albidum*

**Life cycle:** Small to large colony forming trees.

**Leaves:** Leaves may have no lobes, one (mitten shaped) or two lobes. From 2 to 4 inches wide and 4 to 10 inches long. Develop an attractive yellow to red fall color.

**Stems:** Young twigs and new shoots have smooth green to brown bark.

**Flowers and fruit:** Small, hanging flowers and blue fruit.

**Reproduction:** Plants spread laterally from underground stems that produce shoots. Single plants can develop into large patches if not controlled.

### Similar weeds

Although numerous tree seedlings can infest blueberry patches, the three distinct leaf shapes of sassafras are distinguishing.



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