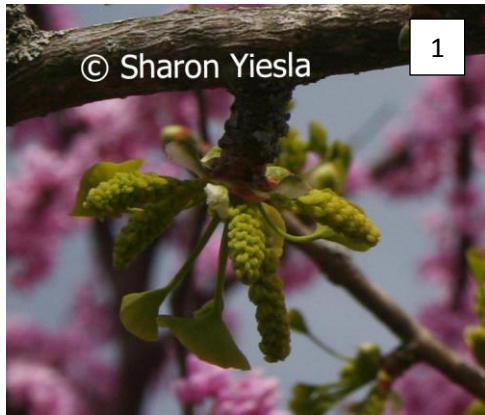




Trees are dioecious. Male 'flowers' are really sacs of pollen held on a cone-like strobilus. 1. Males ready to open. 2. Males after the pollen is shed.



Female 'flowers' are really a pair of ovules on a long stalk in the cluster of emerging leaves.

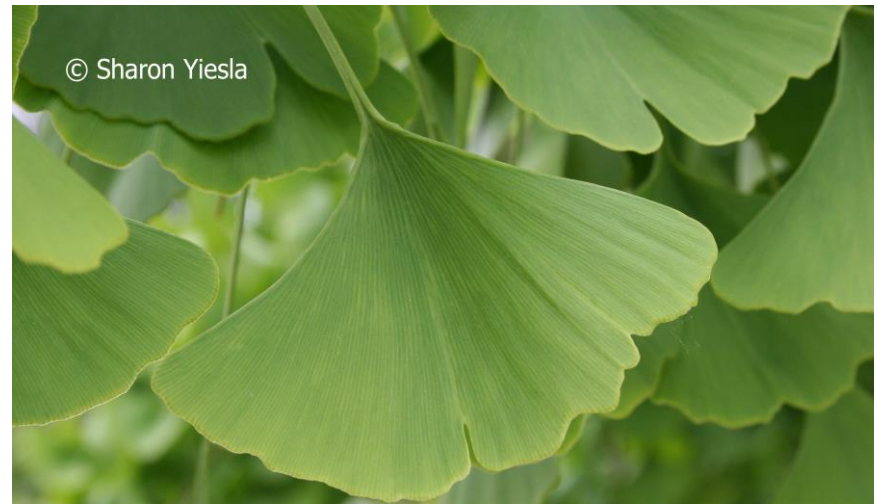


Ginkgo is a gymnosperm so it is more closely related to cone-bearing plants than flowering plants. The 'fruit' is really a naked seed (it is not derived from an ovary).



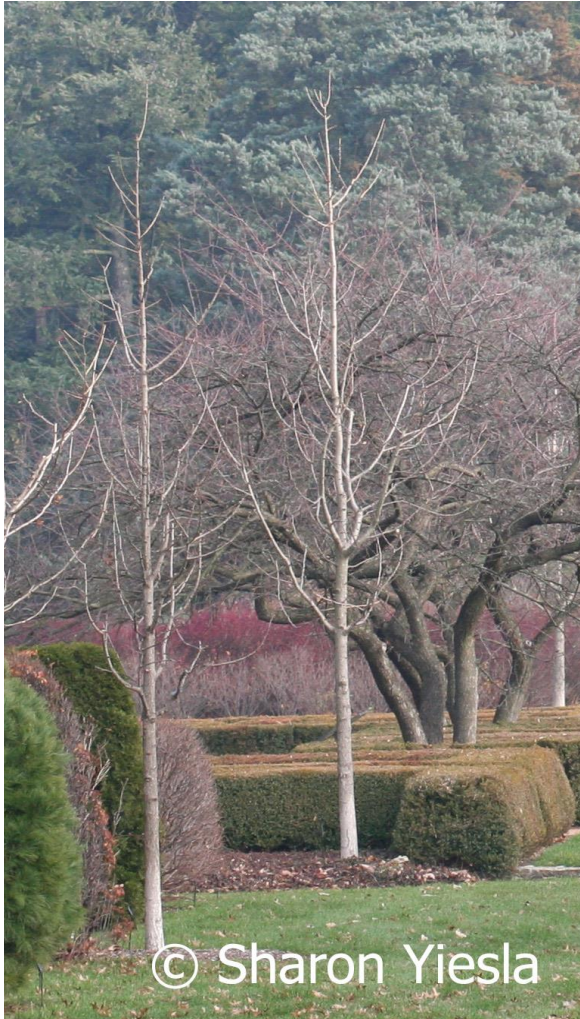
The alternate leaves have a distinctive fan shape. The front margin is sometimes divided into two lobes and sometimes not.

Leaves are produced on short spurs. The spur ends in a red-brown, conical terminal bud.





Form of young tree



Mature form varies from oval to spreading; mature height 60-80 feet. Fall color is yellow



Bark is characterized by relatively flat, broad ridges. These may become deeper with age.

