

# Woody Ornamentals

## PSPP 231

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MWF 1:10 – 3:00  
211 PGC

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**Text:** Dirr, M.A. 1998. Manual of woody landscape plants.  
5<sup>th</sup> edition. Stipes Publishing Co. Champaign, IL.

Class notes, grades and other information will be available on MyMSU Portal.

**Objectives:** Become proficient at identifying common woody landscape plants.  
Learn the landscape uses of these plants and their common disease, insect and cultural problems.

**Grading:** Grading will be based on the percentage of the 390 possible points:

- Exam 1: Tree identification: 100pts. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> (in class)
- Exam 2: Shrub and tree identification: 100pts\*. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> (in class)  
\*If Exam 2 > Exam 1, Exam 1 is dropped and Exam 2 = 200pts.
- Final Exam: 100 pts. Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 to 9:50 am
- 10 quizzes (Mondays): 10 pts. each, lowest score dropped, 90 pts. total.

Final grades will be determined based on the following grading scale:

A	95-100
A-	90-94
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	60-66

\* The following terms can be found in the introductory section of the text. You should familiarize yourself with them, as they will be used frequently throughout the course:  
(section: term)

Leaf morphology: simple leaf, pinnately compound, bipinnately compound, palmately compound, petiole, stipule, rachis.

Arrangement of leaves: opposite, alternate.

Stem and bud morphology: leaf scar, lenticel.

Floral morphology: monoecious, dioecious.

Inflorescence: raceme, umbel, cyme, panicle, catkin.

Fruit types: samara, schizocarp, legume pod, capsules, strobile.

Plant nomenclature: Genus, species, variety (var.), cultivar (cv.).

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