

GINKGOACEAE – GINKGO OR MAIDENHAIR TREE FAMILY

Plant: tree, small to medium size; not resinous

Stem:

Root:

Leaves: deciduous; alternate, flat and broad on long petioles, often bilobed, in leaf-bearing clusters

Flowers: imperfect (dioecious); male produces catkin-like microsporangia with pollen; female flowers with naked ovules; fertilization involves motile spermatozoids

Fruit: seeds in a rancid smelling fleshy covering, no wings

Other: Gymnosperm Group; history dating back 200+ million years in the fossil record

Genera: 1 species – *Ginkgo biloba*

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Ginkgoaceae (Ginkgo or Maidenhair Tree Family)

Nixa, Christian County, Missouri

Notes: tree, deciduous; typically many needles, often > 3 cm, in bundles on short lateral spur shoots; bark scaly and dark; twigs usually yellowish, branches mostly drooping; cones usually somewhat > 3 cm

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