

SAPINDACEAE – SOAPBERRY FAMILY

Plant: herbs, shrubs, trees, and vines

Stem:

Root:

Leaves: alternate, simple or usually compound, with or without stipules

Flowers: monoecious with some perfect flowers (polygamo-monoecious) or dioecious with some perfect flowers present (polygamo-dioecious), regular to irregular, usually in cymes; sepals and petals 3-7 but usually 4 or 5, bracts usually present; stamens few to many; ovary superior

Fruit: capsule, berry, nut, drupe, schizocarps, and others

Other: Dicotyledons Group; tropical to temperate

Genera: 140+ genera

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Goldenrain Tree; *Koelreuteria paniculata* Laxm. (Introduced)

Mexican Buckeye; *Ungnadia speciosa* Endl.

Goldenrain Tree

Koelreuteria paniculata Laxm.

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Sapindaceae (Soapberry Family)

University of Toledo Campus, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: tree; 4-petaled flower, yellow with red center and showy, in large clusters; leaves alternate, pinnately compound (7-15) leaflets, coarsely toothed; bark brown with ridges and grooves; buds ; fruit capsule a 3-lobed pod with 3 dark seeds; ornamental; summer

[V Max Brown, 2008]



Mexican Buckeye

Ungnadia speciosa Endl.

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Friedrich Wilderness Park, Bexar

County, Texas

Notes: shrub to small tree; 4-petaled flower, pink and showy; leaves alternate, pinnately compound, with mostly 5 to 7 leaflets, lanceolate, toothed, tapering to base; bark ; buds scales; fruit capsule a 3-lobed pod with 3 dark seeds; spring

[V Max Brown, 2010]

