

THE GENUS

Fraxinus L. (Oleaceae)

VEGETATIVE KEY TO SPECIES CULTIVATED IN WESTERN EUROPE

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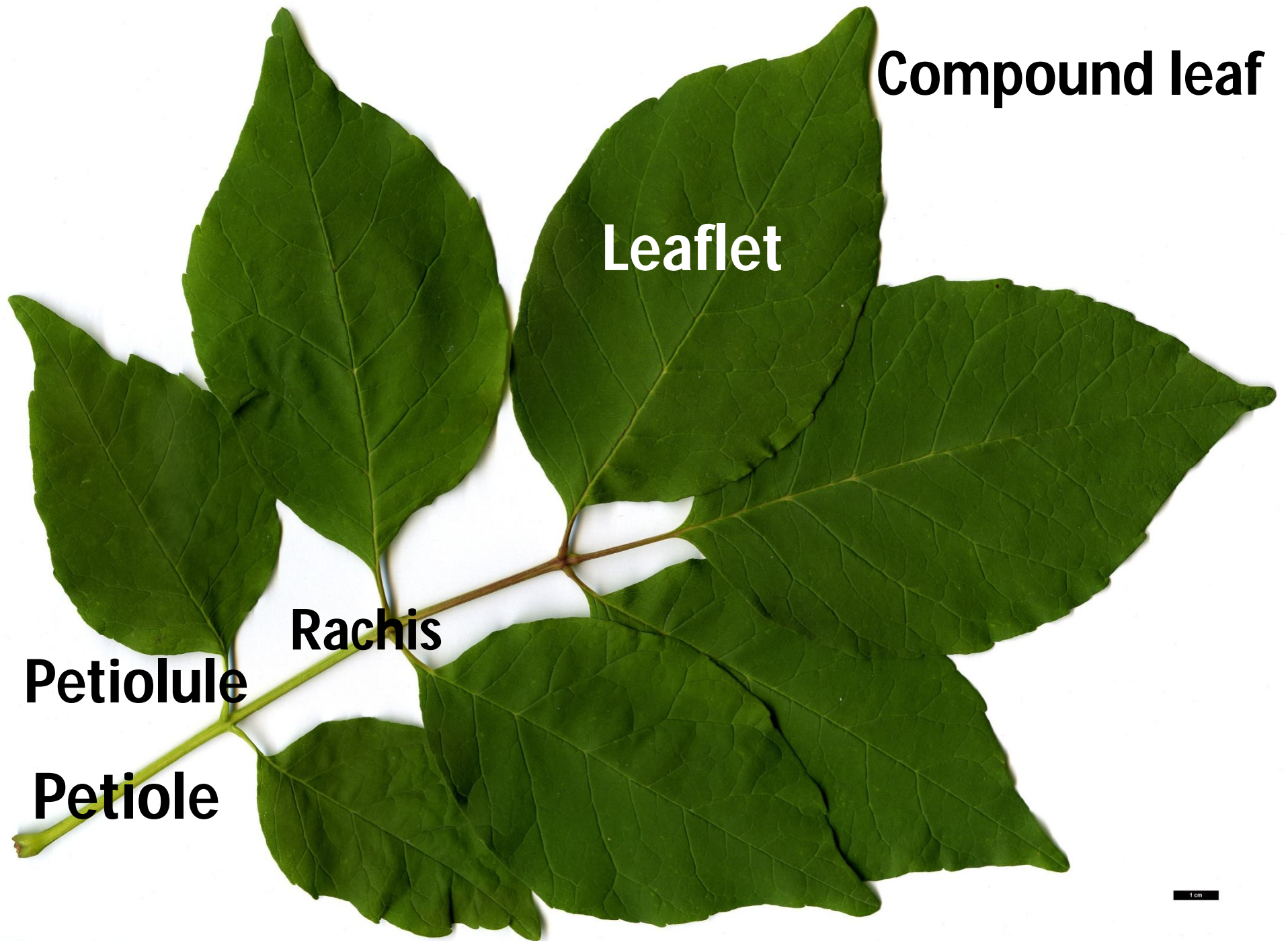
Identification Keys

Fraxinus (a.o.)

- + comprehensive
- + vegetative characters
- experience needed

Look at the ENTIRE plant
(Beware of hybridisation)

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01a Shoot at least in part with lateral buds in whorls of three.

F. angustifolia



**Shoot, petiole and rachis densely
softly pubescent.**

F. angustifolia* subsp. *oxycarpa



Leaflet predominately 1, margin acutely serrate-dentate with 5-8 large teeth/side (teeth often >5mm). Sometimes lamina 1-2 lobed at base or with 2 small lateral leaflets at base.

***F. angustifolia* 'Monopylla'**

I. angustifolia Monophylla

1 cm

**Leaflets predominately 3-5(1-7) and
at least part of the shoot ends with
short successive internodes
 $\leq 0,5-10$ mm.**

F. angustifolia* subsp. *syriaca

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**02 Current year shoot 4-ribbed.
Second year shoot often with
internodes 4-ribbed. (5 species)**



**e.g.
*F. quadrangulata***



F. griffithii

08 a Petiole base remarkably swollen (at least 3-4 × the petiole width) AND partly clasping/covering its bud, often clustering at and hiding shoot end (2 species)

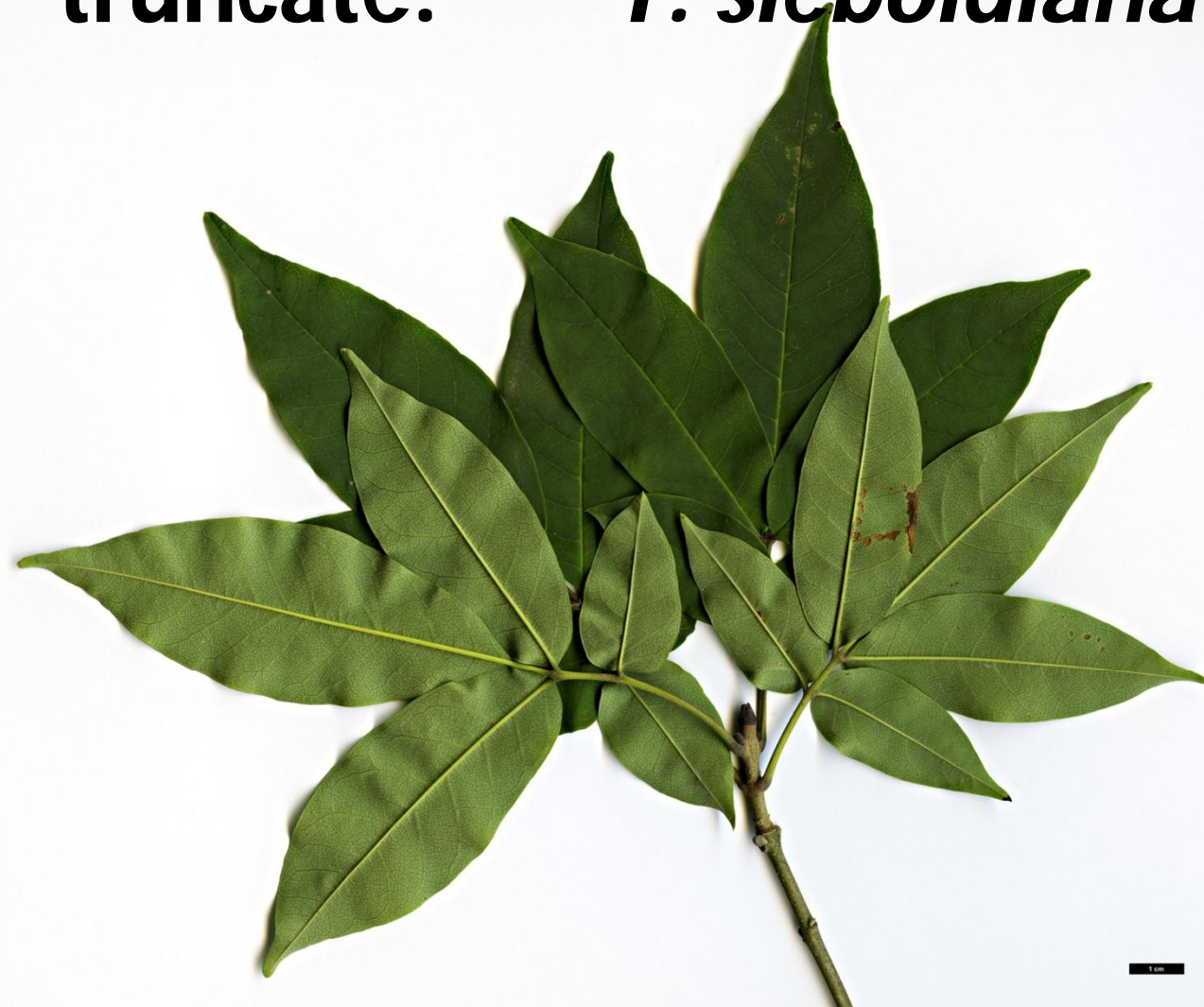


**10 a All leaves small, average size
(including petiole) <5 cm. Leaflets 3-7,
margin entire.**

F. greggii



**14 a Terminal bud grey. Basal
leaflet base rounded to obliquely
truncate. *F. sieboldiana***

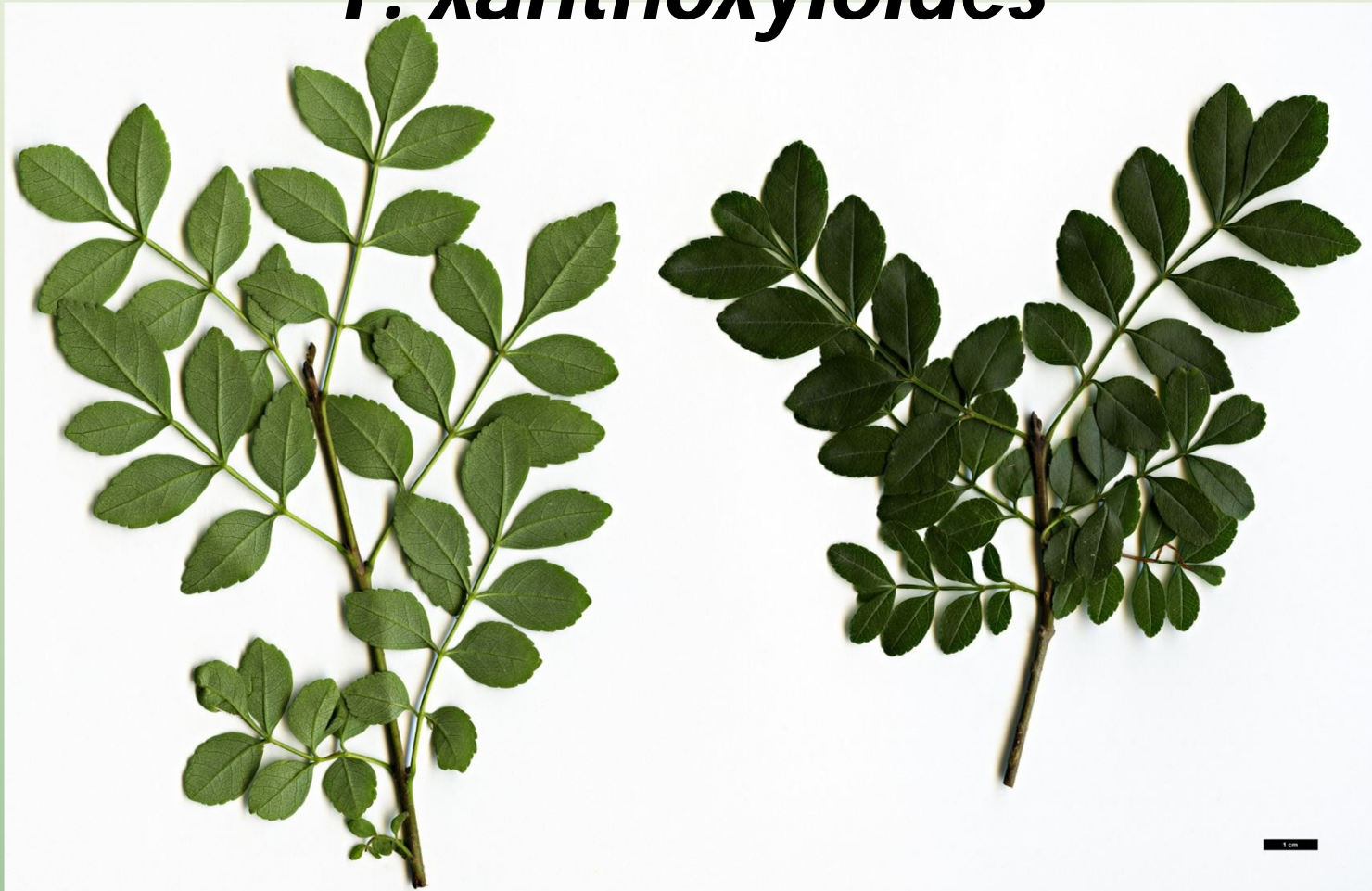


14 b Terminal bud brown. Basal leaflet base (broadly) cuneate.



F. velutina

**22 a Leaflet apex obtuse or
varying from acute to obtuse. Leaflets
7-11, margin finely dentate.
*F. xanthoxyloides***



A close-up photograph of a plant's rachis and several leaflets. The rachis is dark brown and shows a narrow, longitudinal groove. The leaflets are green, ovate-oblong to lanceolate in shape, and have a serrated margin. A black scale bar in the upper right corner indicates a length of 1 cm.

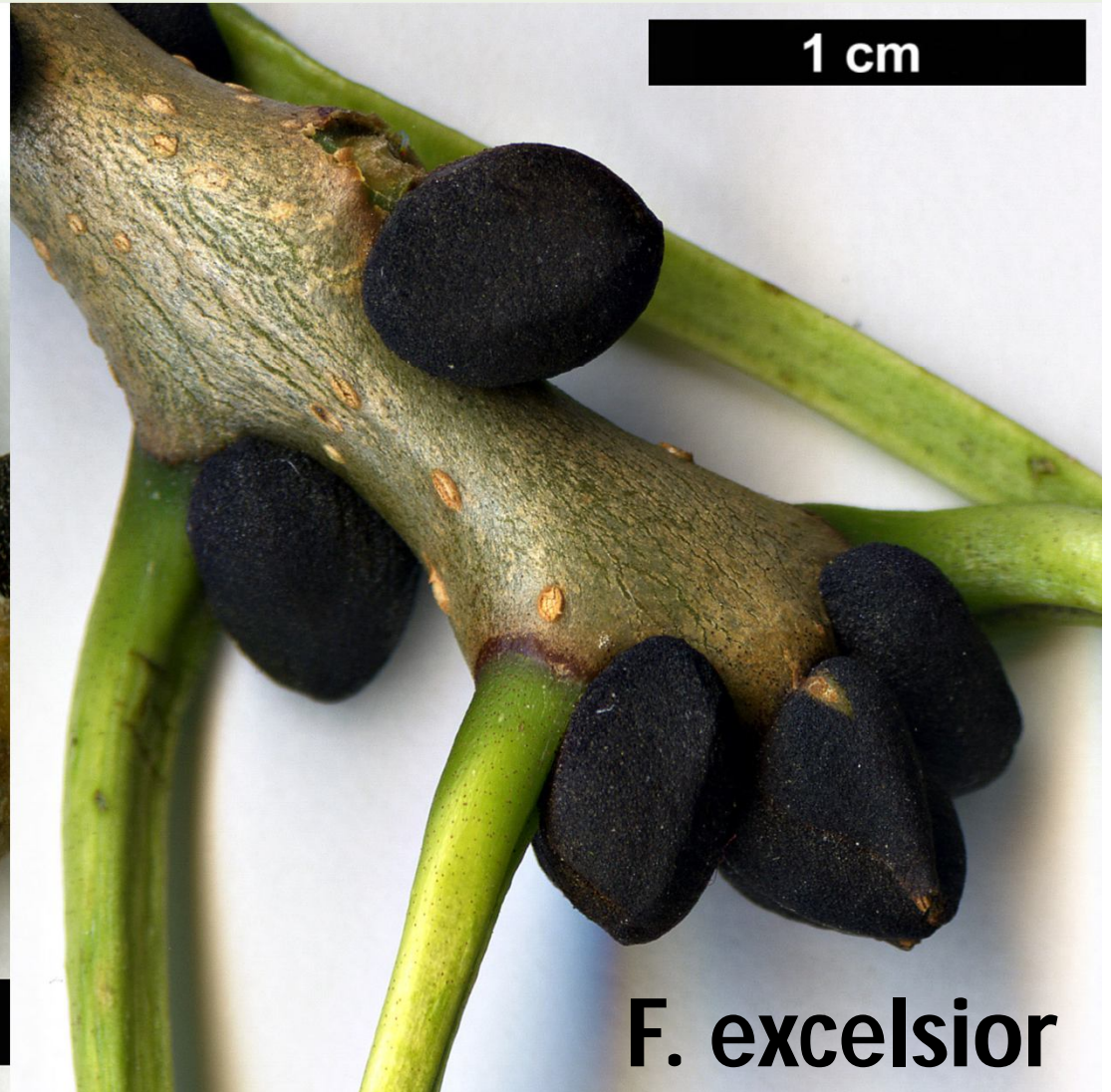
1 cm

**26 b Rachis narrowly grooved.
Leaflets ovate oblong to lanceolate,
margin regularly serrate to crenulate
serrate. *F. floribunda***



F. floribunda

**27 a Terminal bud and first lateral
buds distantly placed. *F. nigra***



**29 b Base of petiolule LS clearly dense
to cushion-like rusty pubescent.**

F. mandshurica



**39 a Terminal leaflet with
secondary veins ≤ 6 /side.**

F. bungeana



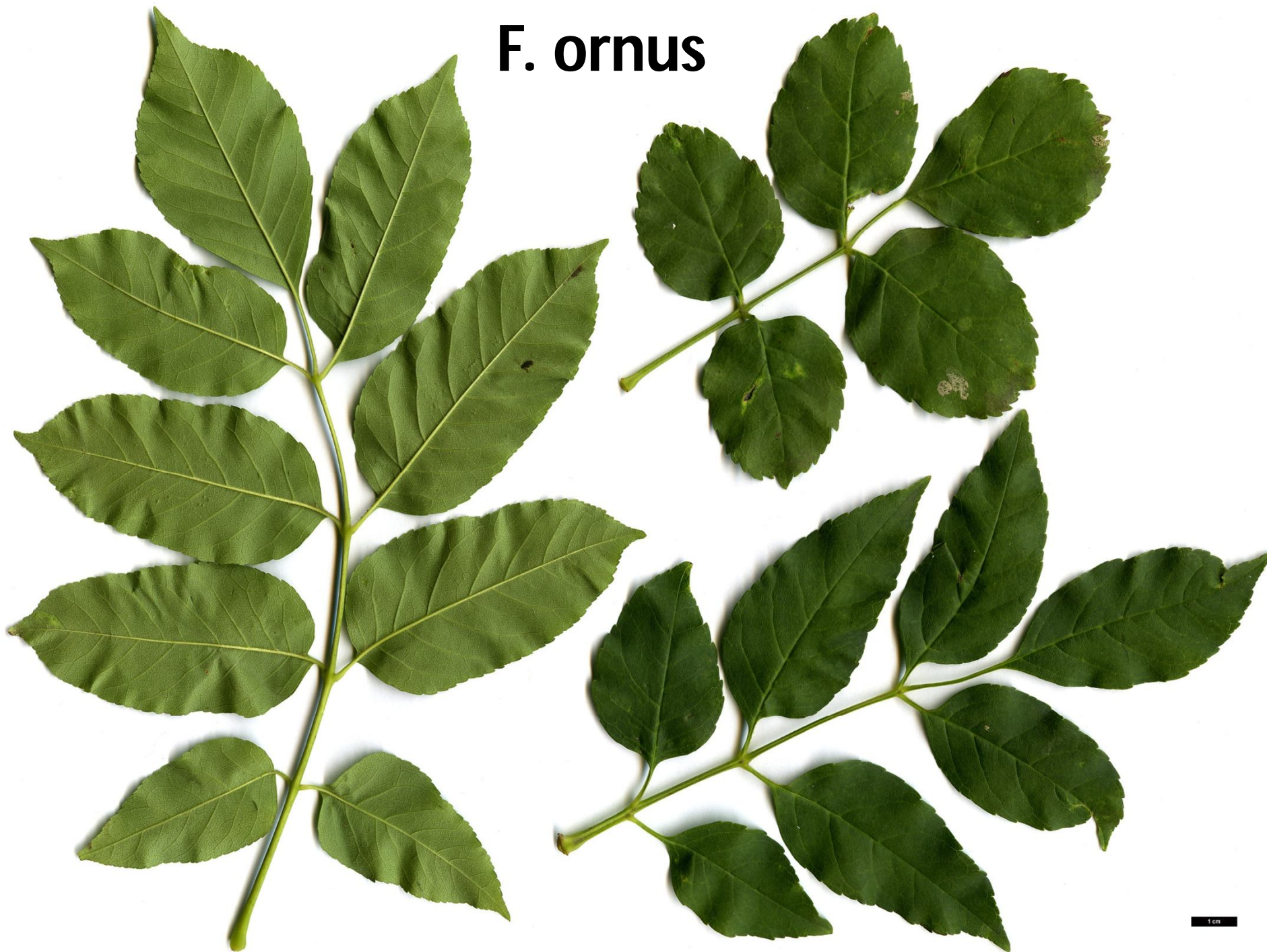
**41 a Leaflets with secondary veins
irregularly placed AND/OR 5-15 mm
apart. *F. chinensis***



**42 a Leaflets ovate to oblong
elliptic AND apex obtuse to (abruptly)
acute, BUT sometimes extremely
variable on the same tree from
obtuse to acuminate.**

F. ornus

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**43 a Leaf scar apex predominantly truncate, not enclosing lateral bud.
e.g. *F. pennsylvanica***



**43 b Leaf scar apex predominantly
clearly notched to concave and partly
enclosing lateral bud.**



e.g. *F. americana*

44 a Terminal bud apex obtuse
AND length \leq width (shoot, petiole
and petiolules pubescent).

F. biltmoreana



**44 b Terminal bud apex acute AND
length > width
e.g. *F. pennsylvanica***





F. baroniana