

How to Use ECOS Plant Guide

Starting Guide

1. Start internet browser and go to the ECOS website (<http://www.bioed.org/nhguide/>). Click on ECOS ecology guide button at the left of the screen.
2. Click on “ go to plant guide “. A list of species described so far appears on left side of screen. To look at common names click on “common name” at top of species list. To go back to scientific names click on “sci name” at top of screen.

To View a Species Description

1. Click on a species name.
3. Scroll screen to view all the information about this species.

To View Photos

1. To increase the size of the photo click on large photo. To return to normal size click on back arrow of browser.
2. To view other photos click on their thumbnails (the small photos below the large one). The other photo selected will now appear in the larger window. You can click on this larger photo again to enlarge the photo to see it more clearly.

To Search for a plant species

1. Click on button towards top of screen called “plant search”
2. Click on a plant characteristic that you have information about, such as “leaf type”,
3. Click on item in list that best describes your plant. For a ash tree, for example this might be “odd-pinnate”.
4. Click on checkbox to left of this characteristic so that a check mark appears. This means when a search is done it will only list plants with this type of leaf.
5. Repeat for as many characteristics as you have information about your plant.
6. Click on “search” button towards bottom of screen. All the species sharing all the characteristics you selected are listed on the left hand side of screen. Click on each of the species and examine the description and photos until to you find the one that best describes your plant.
7. If too many species are listed, then you should add more characteristics so a smaller number of species will

be listed, Select another characteristic, Click the check box of this new characteristic, and search again.

To print out the description of a plant species

Click on box "printer friendly version" then click on file menu and print from your browser.

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