Acer negundo

California Box-Elder

LARGE TREE - deciduous.
Fast growing to 60' high, usually less. Round headed.
Leaves turn yellow in fall.
Drooping clusters of blooms, before leaves - March to April.
Samaras are red when young, straw-colored when mature.

Native habitat: streams and bottomlands below 5000' - California west of the Sierra Nevada, southwest Oregon and northwest Baja California.

Full sun to part shade.
Needs deep water.

Best for background, not near lawn.

Seeds readily and suckers.