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Planera aquatica

[Synonyms : *Abelicea aquatica*, *Planera ulmifolia*, *Ulmus aquatica*]

WATER ELM is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern United States it has very small, egg-shaped and lobed, inconspicuous fuzzy, greenish-yellow flowers.

It is also known as False sandalwood, Planer tree, and Plane tree.

Warning – the pollen can cause hay fever.

Water elm is considered to be endangered in Illinois in the United States and is protected there.

Aquatica means ‘growing in or near water’.

Occasionally the lightweight and soft, fragrant light brown wood has been harvested for pulp and according to some authorities it has also been made into furniture.

The tree is cultivated on suitable sites as an ornamental.