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*Acer*  
and  
*Dipteronia*  
vegetative key to species in cultivation

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# *Acer* and *Dipteronia* 122 species in this key:

## ACER

- A. acuminatum* (Arguta)
- A. albopurpurascens* (Oblonga)
- A. amamiense* (Lithocarpa)
- A. amoenum* (Palmata)
  - var. *amoenum*
  - var. *matsumuriae*
- A. amplum* (Platanoidea)
- A. argutum* (Arguta)
- A. barbinerve* (Arguta)
- A. buergerianum* (Oblonga)
- A. caesium* (Acer)
  - subsp. *caesium*
  - subsp. *giraldii*
- A. calcaratum* (Palmata)
- A. campbellii* (Palmata)
- A. aff. campbellii* (Palmata)
- A. campestre* (Platanoidea)
- A. capillipes* (Macrantha)
- A. cappadocicum* (Platanoidea)
  - subsp. *cappadocicum*
  - subsp. *sinicum*
- A. carpinifolium* (Indivisa)
- A. catalpifolium* (Platanoidea)
- A. caudatifolium* (Macrantha)
- A. caudatum* (Spicata)
- A. chapaense* (Platanoidea)
- A. chienii* (Macrantha)
- A. circinatum* (Palmata)
- A. cissifolium* (Negundo)
- A. cordatum* (Oblonga)
- A. coriaceifolium* (Oblonga)
- A. crataegifolium* (Macrantha)
- A. davidi* (Macrantha)
  - subsp. *davidi*
  - subsp. *grosseri*
- A. diabolicum* (Lithocarpa)
- A. distylum* (Parviflora)
- A. divergens* (Platanoidea)
- A. duplicitoserratum* (Palmata)
- A. elegantulum* (Palmata)
- A. erianthum* (Palmata)
- A. fabri* (Palmata)
- A. fenzelianum* (Macrantha)
- A. flabellatum* (Palmata)
- A. floridanum* (Acer)

- A. forrestii* (Macrantha)
- A. fulvescens* (Platanoidea)
- A. glabrum* (Glabra)
  - subsp. *douglasii*
  - subsp. *glabrum*
- A. granatense* (Acer)
- A. grandidentatum* (Acer)
- A. griseum* (Trifoliata)
- A. heldreichii* (Acer)
  - subsp. *heldreichii*
  - subsp. *macropterum*
  - subsp. *trautvetteri*
- A. henryi* (Negundo)
- A. hyrcanum* (Acer)
  - subsp. *hyrcanum*
  - subsp. *intermedium*
  - subsp. *keckianum*
  - subsp. *tauricum*
- A. HWJ 569* (Macrantha)
- A. japonicum* (Palmata)
- A. laevigatum* (Palmata)
  - var. *laevigatum*
  - var. *salweenense*
- A. laurinum* (Hyptiocarpa)
- A. laxiflorum* (Macrantha)
- A. leucoderme* (Acer)
- A. lobelii* (Platanoidea)
- A. longipes* (Platanoidea)
- A. macrophyllum* (Macrophylla)
- A. mandshuricum* (Trifoliata)
- A. maximowiczianum* (Trifoliata)
- A. maximowiczii* (Macrantha)
- A. metcalfii* (Macrantha)
- A. miaotaiense* (Platanoidea)
- A. micranthum* (Macrantha)
- A. miyabei* (Platanoidea)
- A. monspessulanum* (Acer)
- A. morifolium* (Macrantha)
- A. negundo* (Negundo)
  - subsp. *californicum*
  - subsp. *mexicanum*
  - subsp. *negundo*
  - subsp. *texanum*
- A. nigrum* (Acer)
- A. nipponicum* (Parviflora)

- A. oblongum* (Oblonga)
- A. obtusifolium* (Acer)
- A. okamotoanum* (Platanoidea)
- A. oliverianum* (Palmata)
- A. opalus* (Acer)
  - subsp. *obtusatum*
  - subsp. *opus*
- A. palmatum* (Palmata)
- A. paxii* (Oblonga)
- A. pectinatum* (Macrantha)
  - subsp. *pectinatum*
  - subsp. *taronense*
- A. aff. pectinatum* (BSWJ 8270/KR 3012) (Macrantha)
- A. pensylvanicum* (Macrantha)
- A. pentaphyllum* (Pentaphylla)
- A. pictum* (Platanoidea)
  - subsp. *dissectum*
  - subsp. *dissectum* f. *connivens*
  - subsp. *macropterum*
  - subsp. *mono*
  - subsp. *savatieri*
  - subsp. *pictum*
- A. pilosum* (Pubescientia)
- A. pinnatinervium* (Hyptiocarpa)
- A. platanoides* (Platanoidea)
- A. pseudoplatanus* (Acer)
- A. pseudosieboldianum* (Palmata)
  - subsp. *pseudosieboldianum*
  - subsp. *takesimense*
- A. pubipalatum* (Palmata)
- A. pycnanthum* (Rubra)
- A. robustum* (Palmata)
- A. rubescens* (Macrantha)
- A. rubrum* (Rubra)
- A. rufinerve* (Macrantha)
- A. saccharinum* (Rubra)
- A. saccharum* (Acer)
- A. sempervirens* (Acer)
- A. serrulatum* (Palmata)
- A. shenkanense* (Platanoidea)
- A. shirasawanum* (Palmata)
- A. sieboldianum* (Palmata)
- A. sikkimense* (Macrantha)
- A. sinense* (Palmata)

- A. sinopurpurascens* (Lithocarpa)
- A. skutchii* (Acer)
- A. spicatum* (Spicata)
- A. stachyophyllum* (Arguta)
  - subsp. *betulifolium*
  - subsp. *stachyophyllum*
- A. sterculiaceum* (Lithocarpa)
  - subsp. *franchetii*
  - subsp. *sterculiaceum*
- A. tataricum* (Ginnala)
  - subsp. *ginnala*
  - subsp. *semenovii*
  - subsp. *tataricum*
- A. tegmentosum* (Macrantha)
- A. tenellum* (Platanoidea)
- A. tenuifolium* (Palmata)
- A. tibetense* (Platanoidea)
- A. triflorum* (Trifoliata)
- A. truncatum* (Platanoidea)
- A. tschonoskii* (Macrantha)
  - subsp. *koreanum*
  - subsp. *tschonoskii*
- A. tsinglingense* (Lithocarpa)
- A. turkestanicum* (Platanoidea)
- A. tutcheri* (Palmata)
- A. ukurunduense* (Spicata)
- A. velutinum* (Acer)
- A. wardii* (Wardiana)
- A. wilsonii* (Palmata)
- A. yui* (Oblonga)

## DIPTERONIA

- D. dyeriana*
- D. sinensis*

*To improve accuracy:*



*Use a 10× LENS.*

*Look at the entire plant.*

*Beware of hybridisation.*

key to genera



*Dipteronia*

*Acer*

# *Acer*

## Leaves:

simple OR IF compound:  
with **3-7(-9)** leaflets.



# *Dipteronia*

## Leaves:

pinnately compound  
with **7-13(-15)** leaflets.



# *Acer*

## Leaves:

simple OR IF compound:  
with **3-7(-9)** leaflets.



# *Dipteronia*

## Leaves:

pinnately compound  
with **7-13(-15)** leaflets.



# *Acer*

## Leaves:

simple OR IF compound:  
with **3-7(-9)** leaflets.



# *Dipteronia*

## Leaves:

pinnately compound  
with **7-13(-15)** leaflets.



# *Acer*

## Shoot at base:

with obvious bud scale scars  
in 2-many pairs.



# *Dipteronia*

## Shoot at base:

with scars  
scarcely apparent.



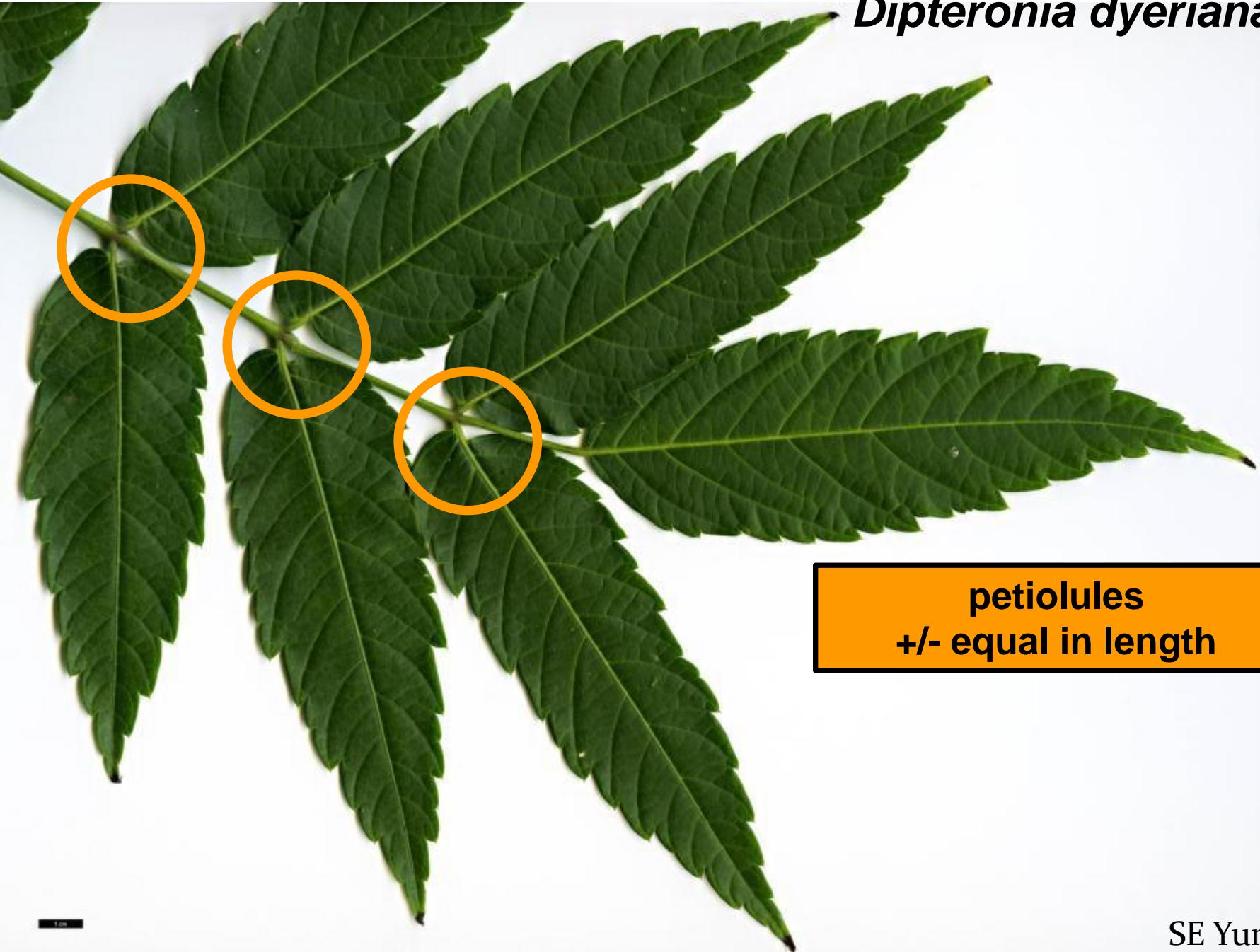
# *Dipteronia*

two species:

*D. dyeriana*

*D. sinensis*

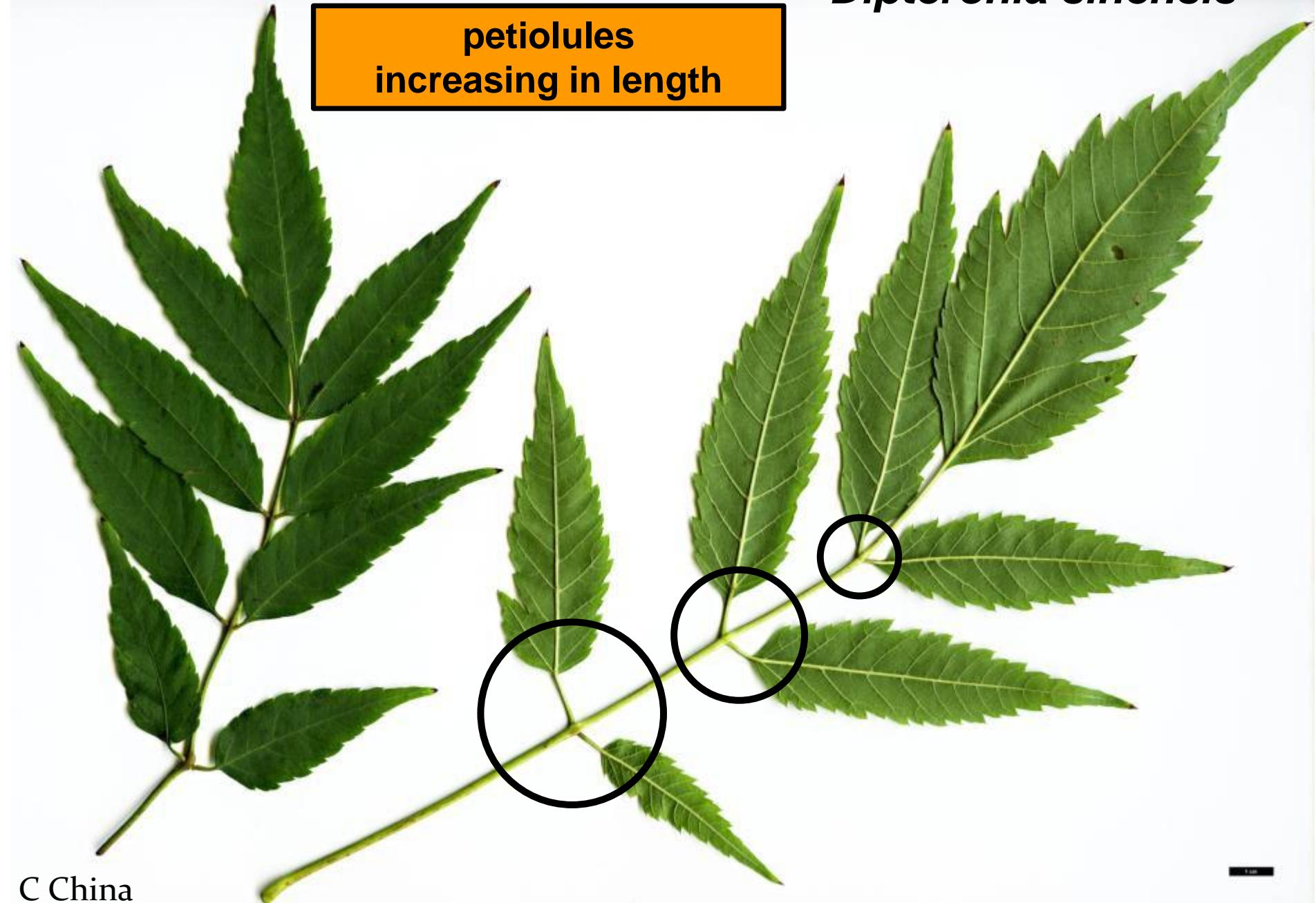
*Dipteronia dyeriana*



petiolules  
+/- equal in length

*Dipteronia sinensis*

petiolules  
increasing in length



C China

1 cm

# *Acer*: key to groups



16 groups

*with the following*

*diagnostic characters:*

## GROUP A

Plant wintergreen AND lamina unlobed or 0-3-lobed,  
with LS distinctly glaucous.



# *A. paxii (Oblonga)*

Group A



unlobed  
to  
3-lobed



C and N Guangxi, Guizhou, SW Sichuan, NW Yunnan

# *A. coriaceifolium (Oblonga)*

Group A



unlobed

# *A. coriaceifolium (Oblonga)*

Group A

lamina LS  
pubescent



unlobed

# *A. pinnatinervium* (*Hyptiocarpa*)



short  
petiole

Group A



unlobed

# *A. laurinum* (*Hyptiocarpa*)

Group A



unlobed

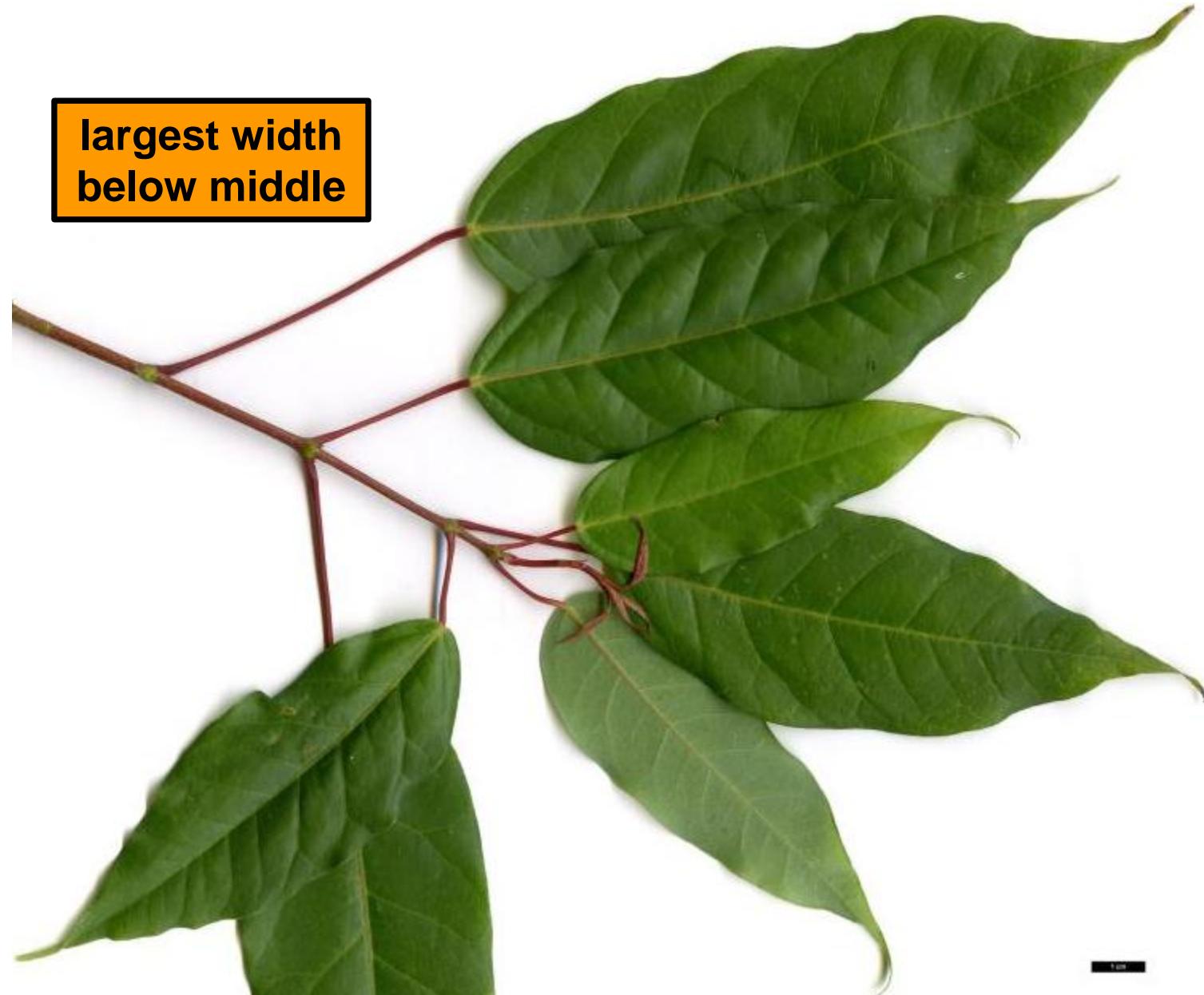
5-6  
veins  
per  
side

Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos , Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines

# *A. oblongum* (*Oblonga*)

Group A

largest width  
below middle



unlobed

6-8(+)  
veins  
per  
side

Himalaya, W and S China

# *A. albopurpurascens* (*Oblonga*)

Group A



largest width  
in the middle



unlobed

6-8(+)  
veins  
per  
side

Taiwan

**GROUP B**  
**Leaves predominantly compound.**



# *A. pentaphyllum* (*Pentaphylla*)

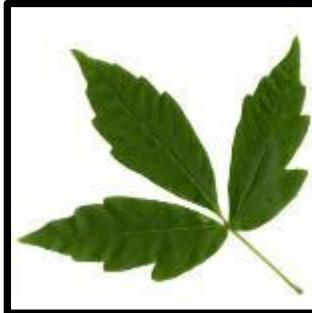
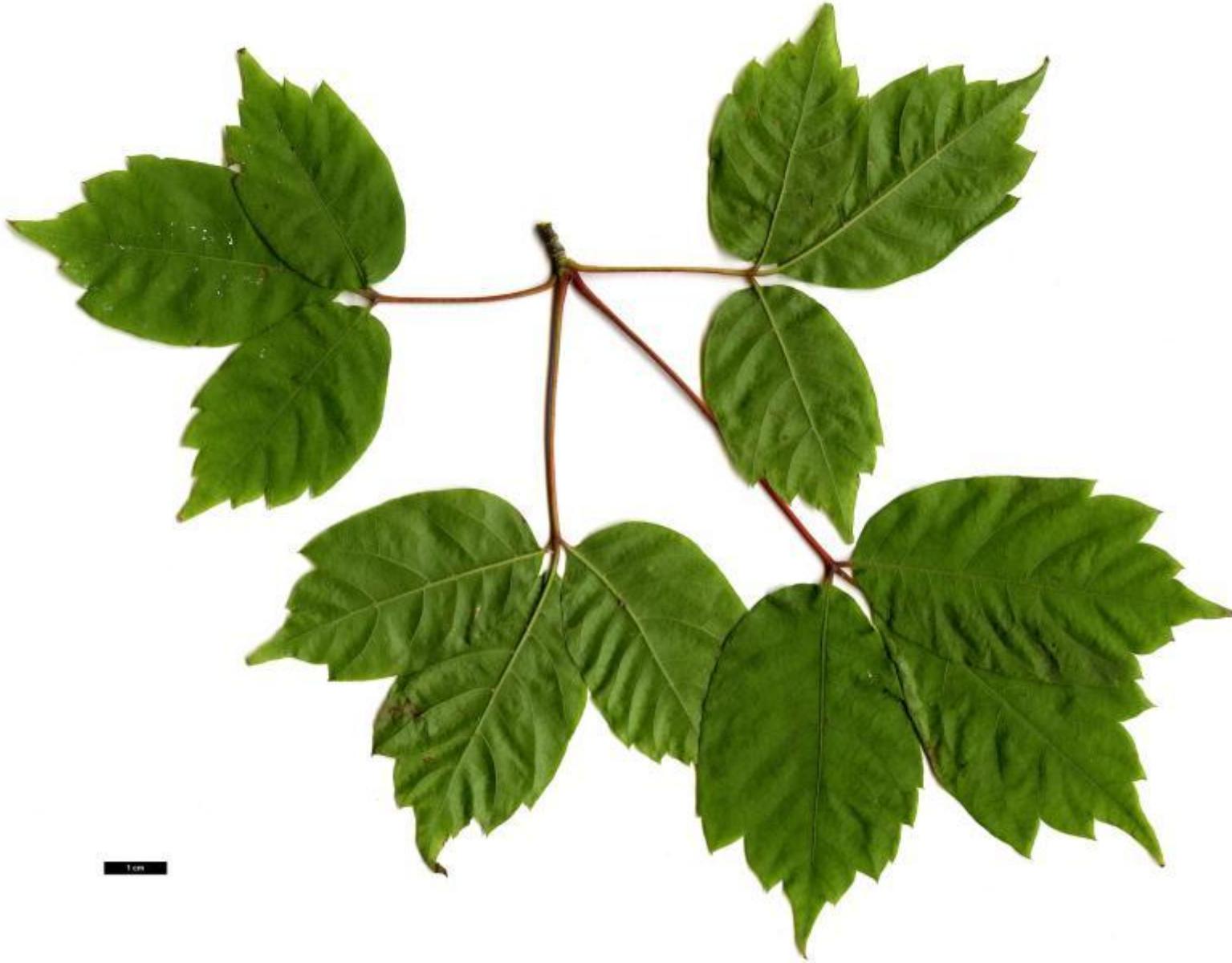
Group B



palmately  
5-7-  
foliolate

# *A. cissifolium (Negundo)*

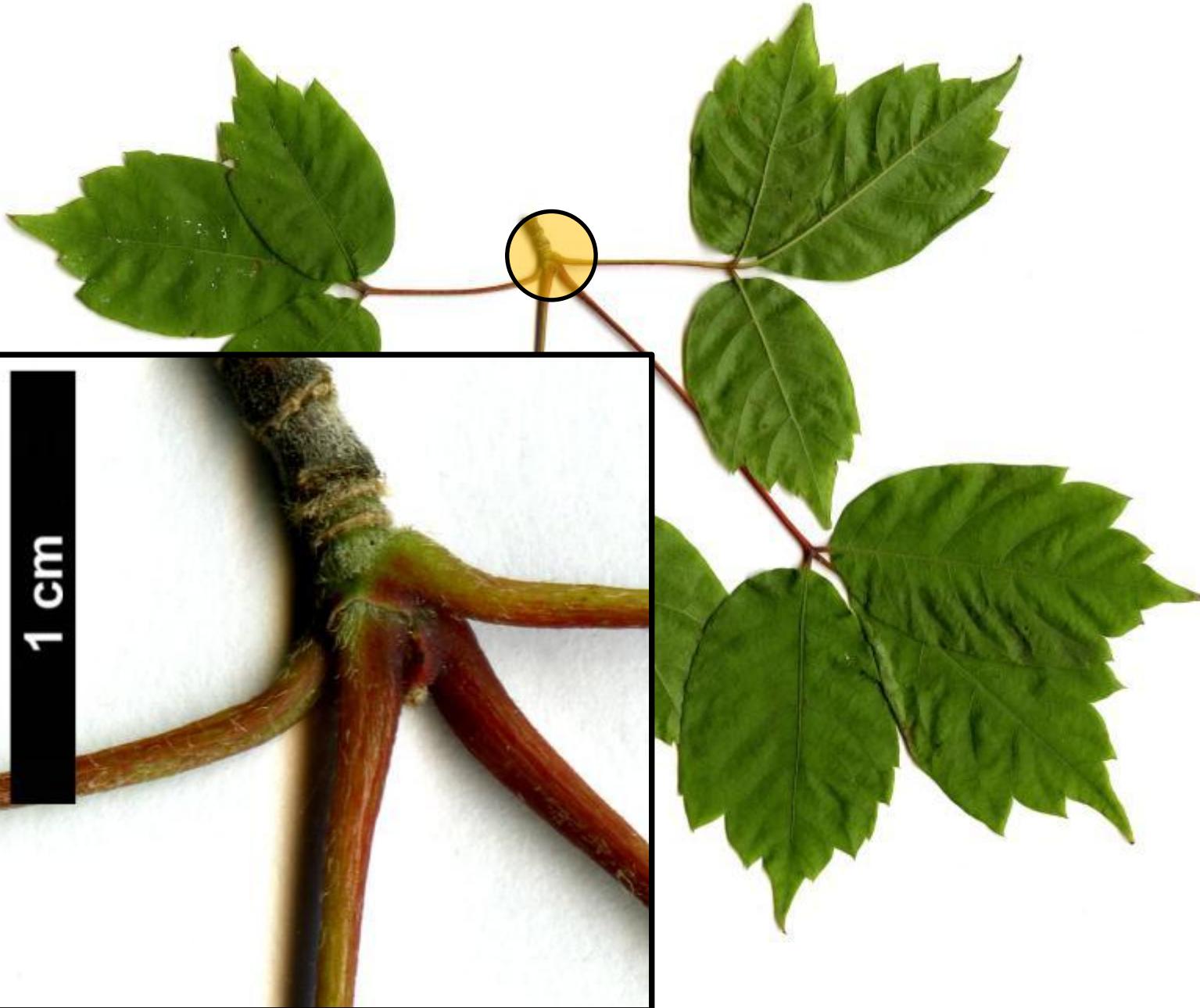
Group B



3-  
foliolate

# *A. cissifolium* (*Negundo*)

Group B

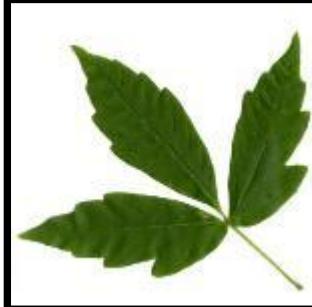
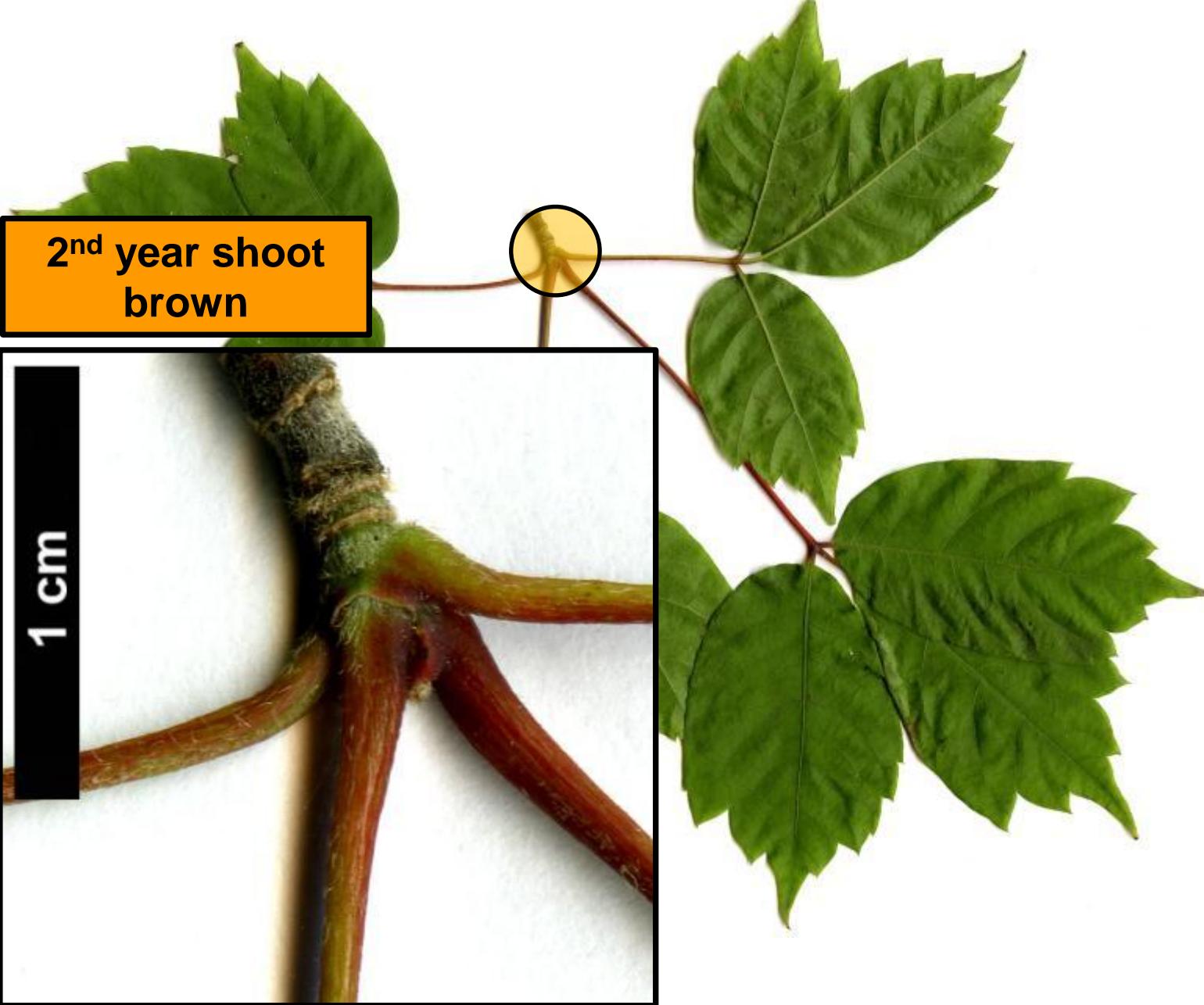


3-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
<5 pairs

# *A. cissifolium* (*Negundo*)

Group B



3-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
<5 pairs

# *A. henryi* (*Negundo*)

Group B



3-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
<5 pairs

# *A. henryi* (*Negundo*)

Group B



second year  
shoot green

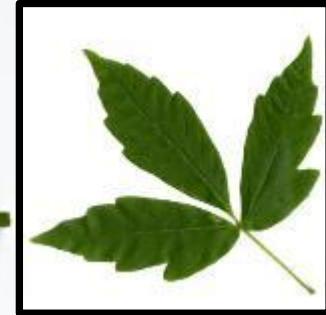


1 cm



3-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
<5 pairs



# **A. negundo (Negundo)**

Group B



3-5(-9)-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
<5 pairs

1 cm

*A. negundo* subsp. *mexicanum* (*Negundo*)

Group B



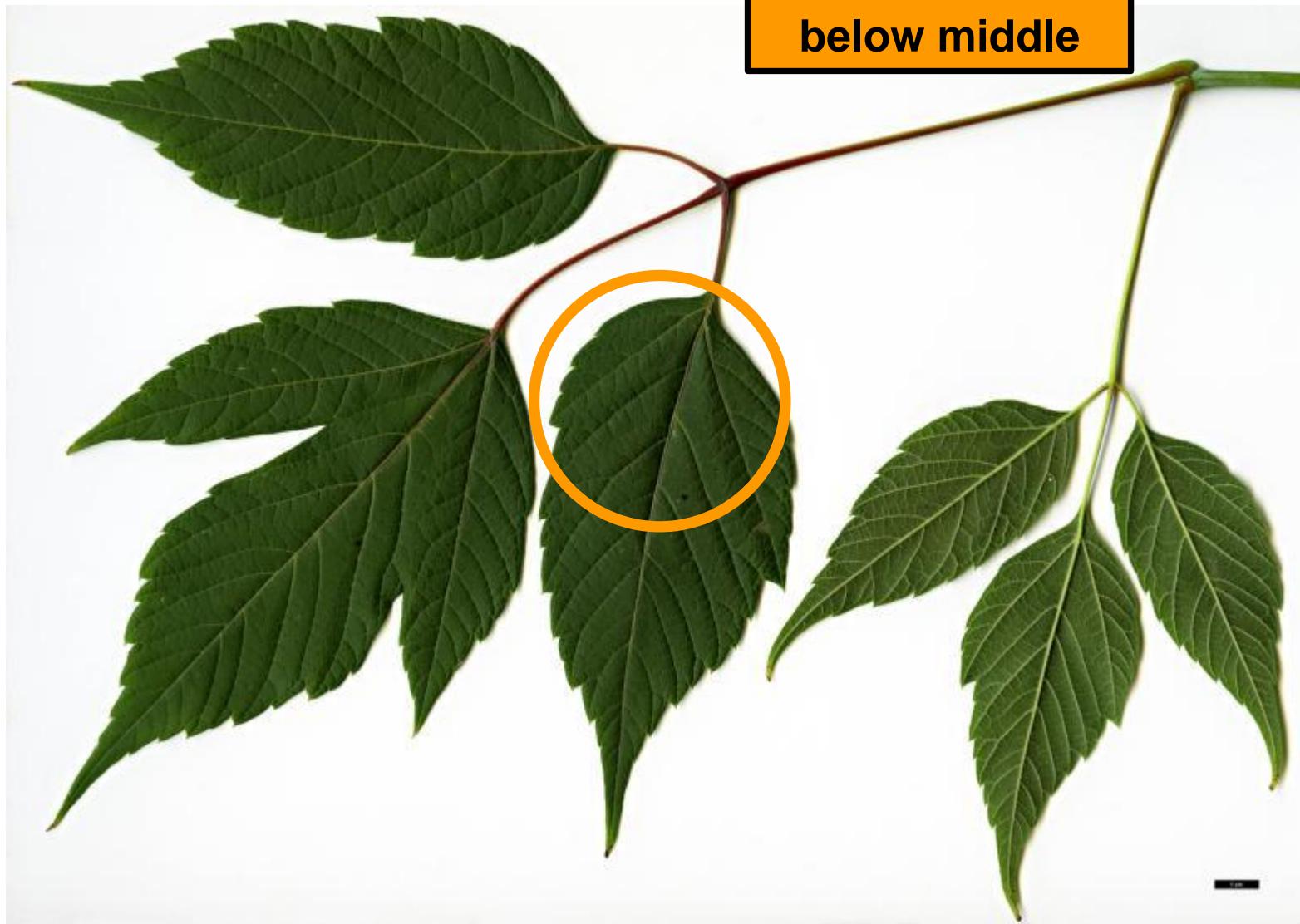
3-5(-9)-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
<5 pairs

Guatemala, Mexico

# *A. negundo* subsp. *mexicanum* (*Negundo*)

Group B



IF 3-foliolate:  
serrate from  
below middle

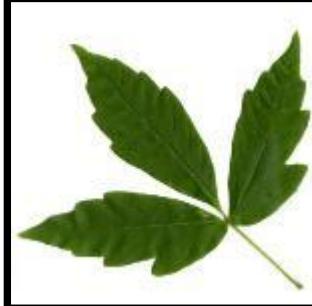


3-5(-9)-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
<5 pairs

# *A. mandshuricum* (*Trifoliata*)

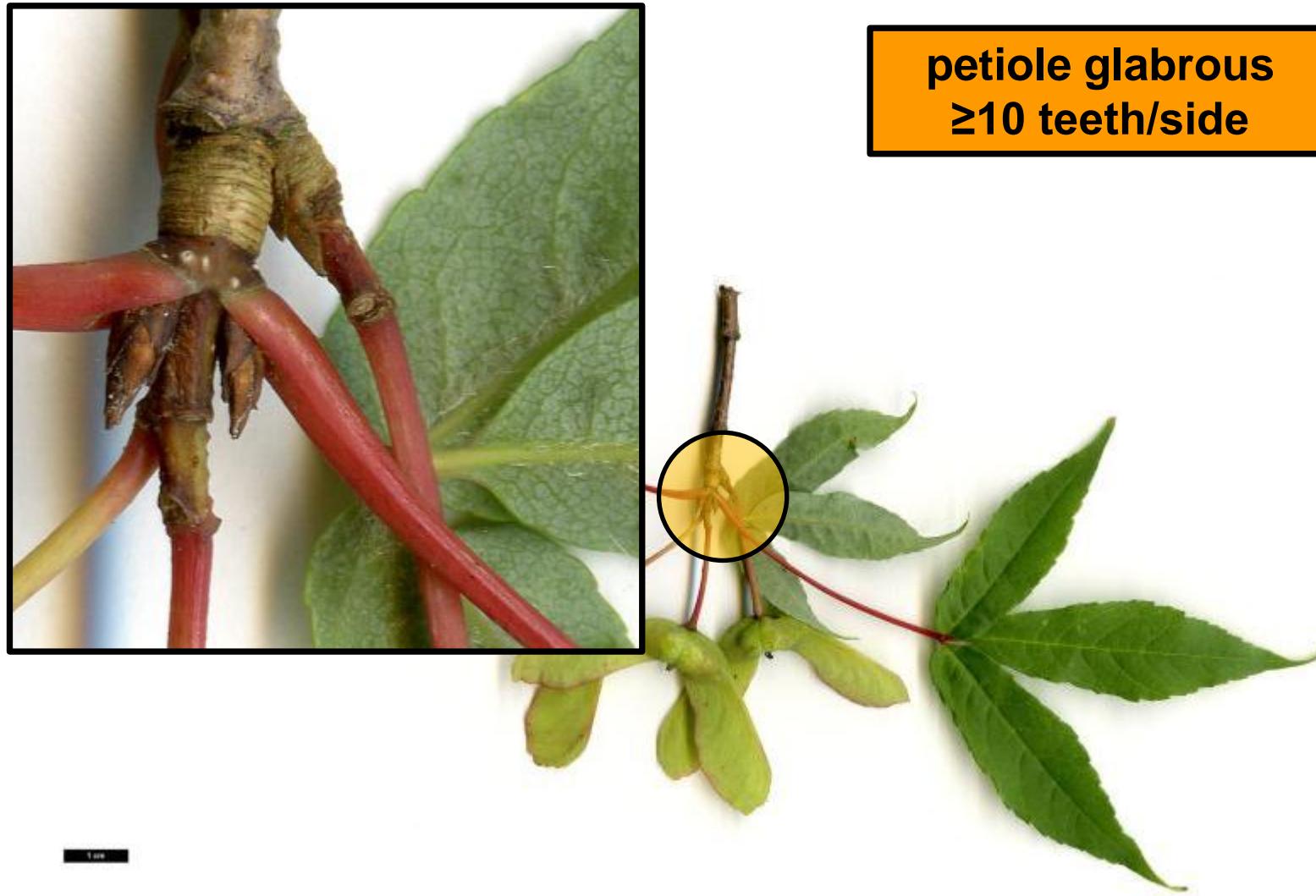
Group B



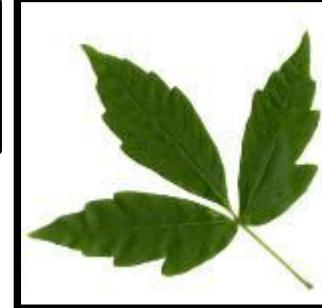
3-  
foliolate

# *A. mandshuricum* (*Trifoliata*)

Group B



petiole glabrous  
 $\geq 10$  teeth/side



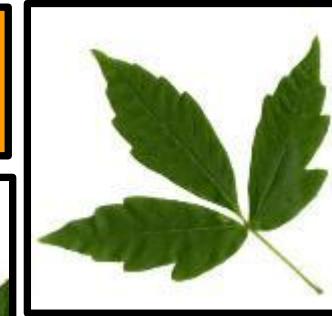
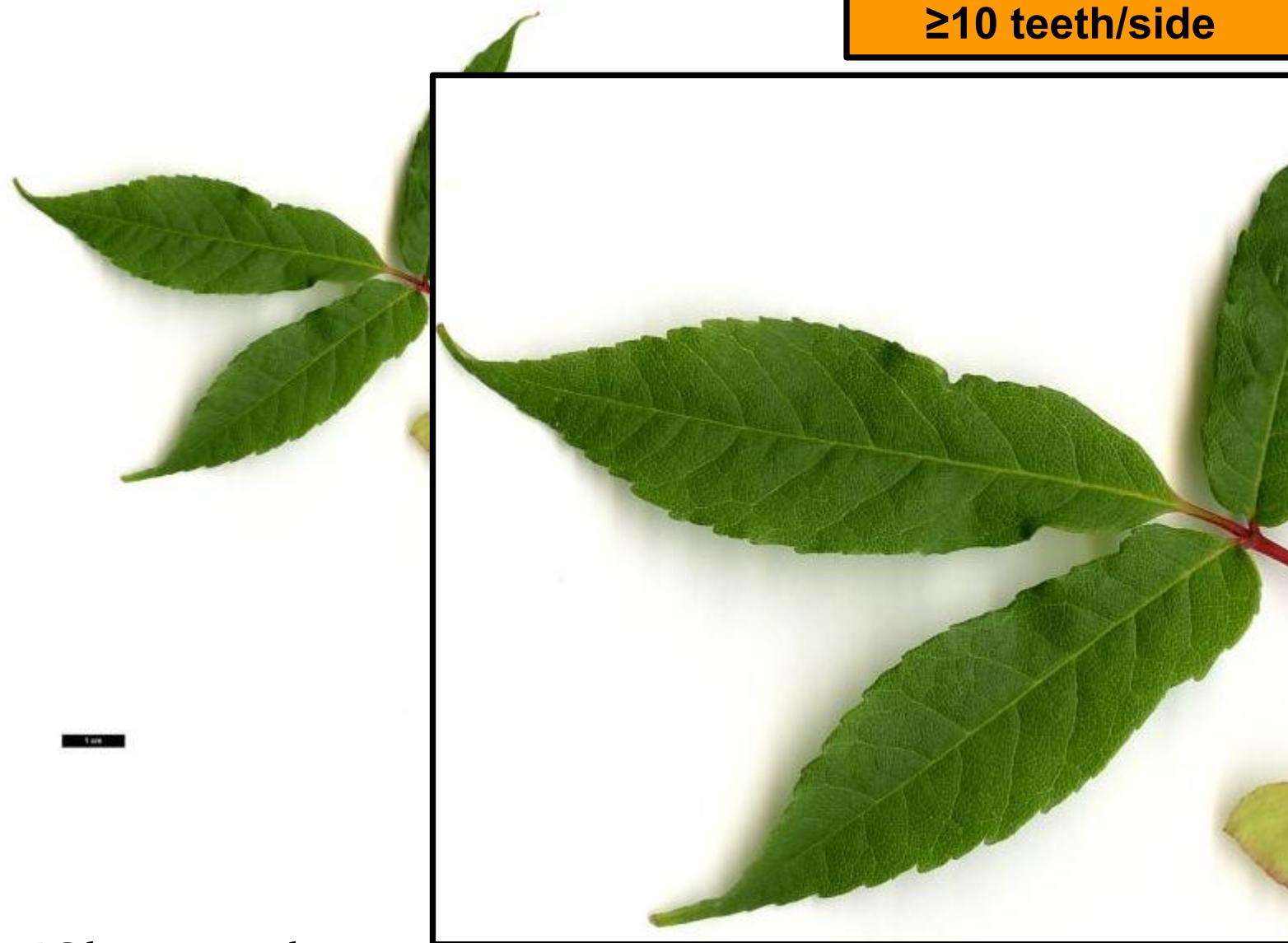
3-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
 $>5$  pairs

# *A. mandshuricum* (*Trifoliata*)

Group B

petiole glabrous  
≥10 teeth/side

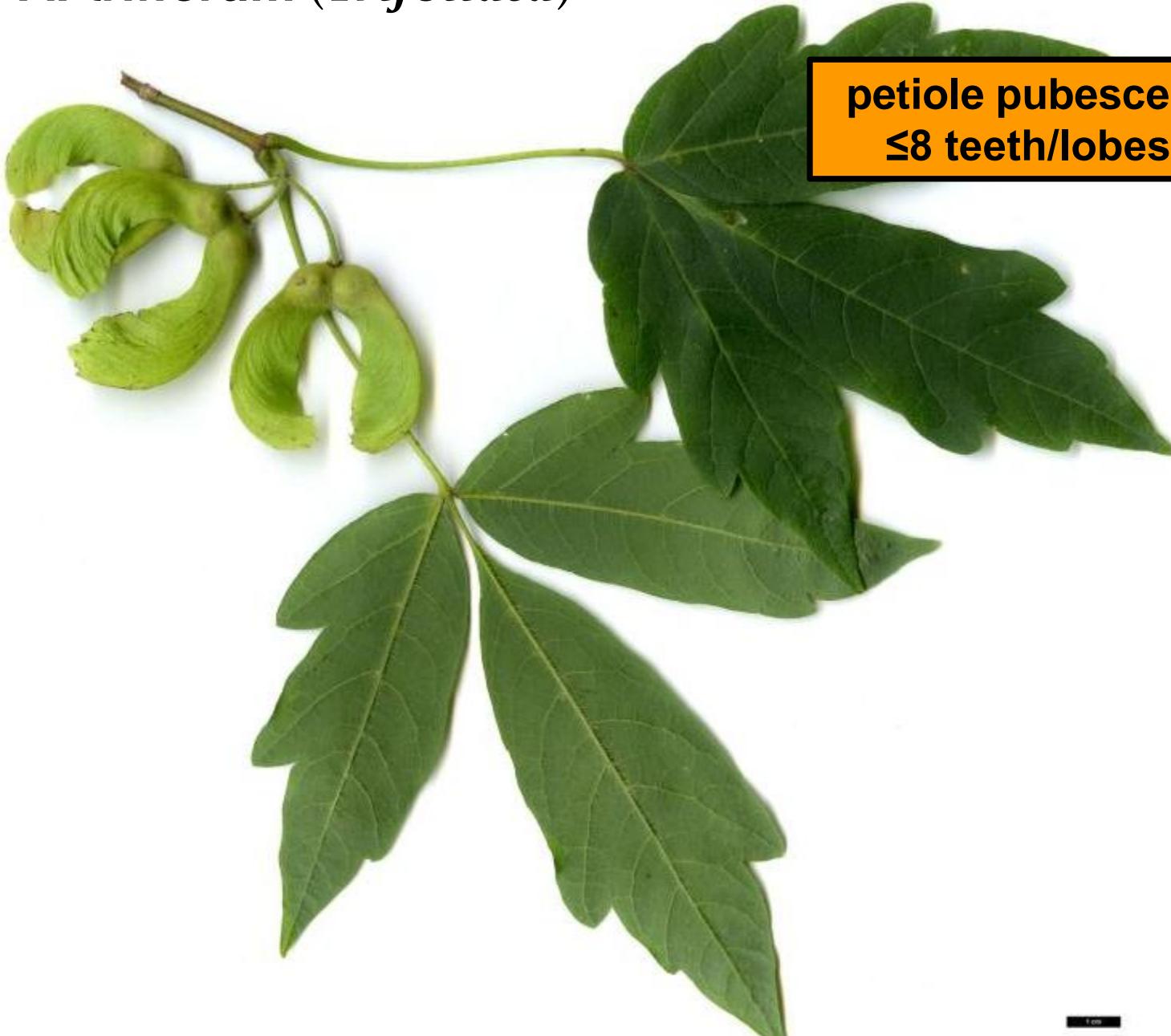


3-  
foliolate

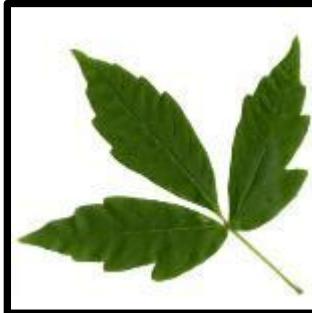
bud  
scale  
scars  
≥5 pairs

# *A. triflorum* (*Trifoliata*)

Group B



petiole pubescent  
 $\leq 8$  teeth/lobes



3-  
foliolate

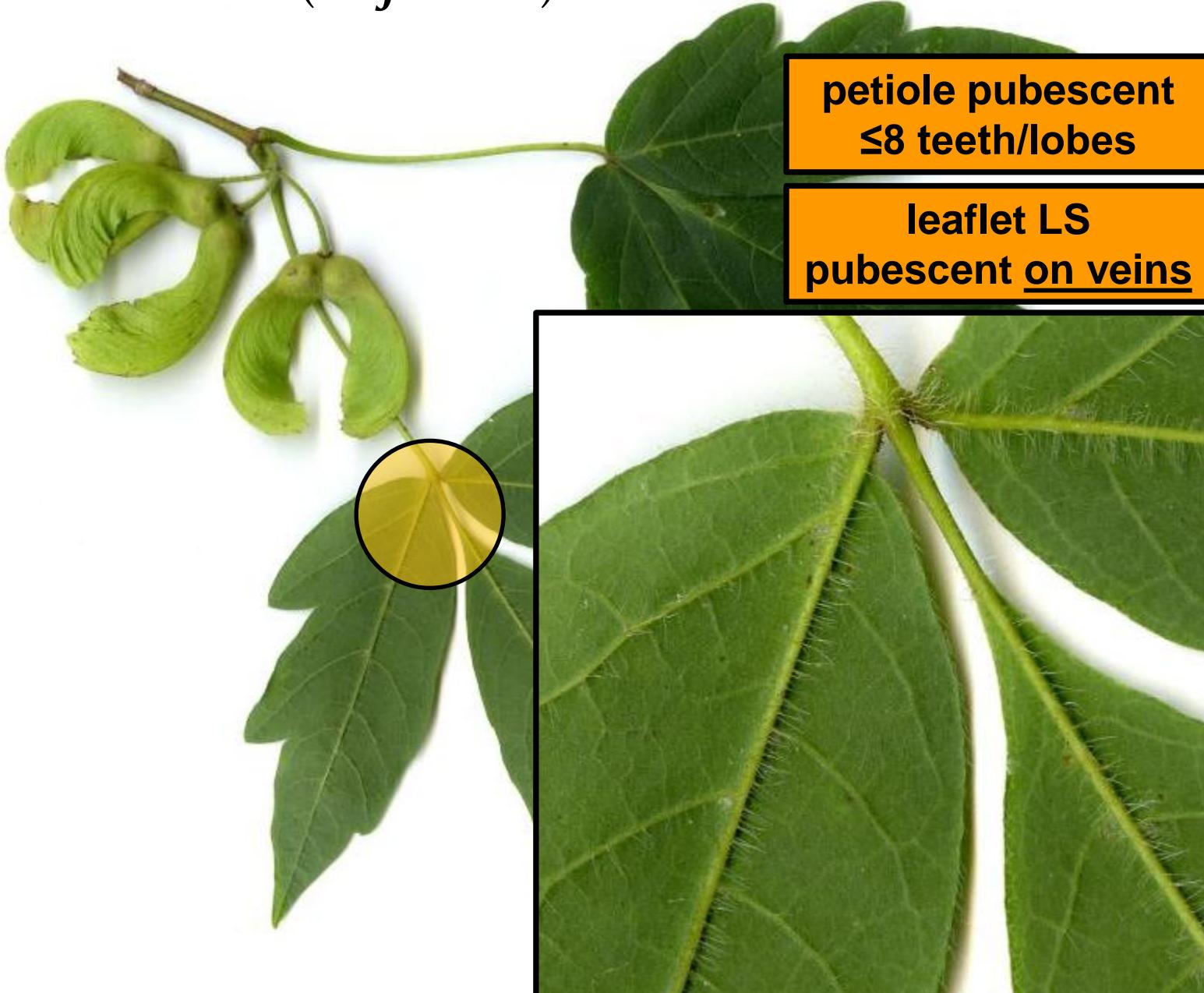
bud  
scale  
scars  
 $>5$  pairs

NE China (Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning), Korea

1 cm

# *A. triflorum* (*Trifoliata*)

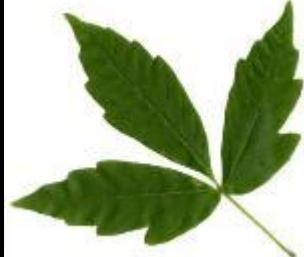
Group B



NE China (Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning), Korea

# *A. maximowiczianum* (*Trifoliata*)

Group B



3-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
>5 pairs



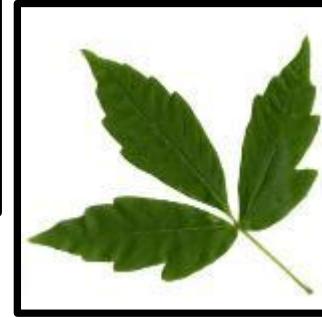
E Siberia, Manchuria

# *A. maximowiczianum* (*Trifoliata*)

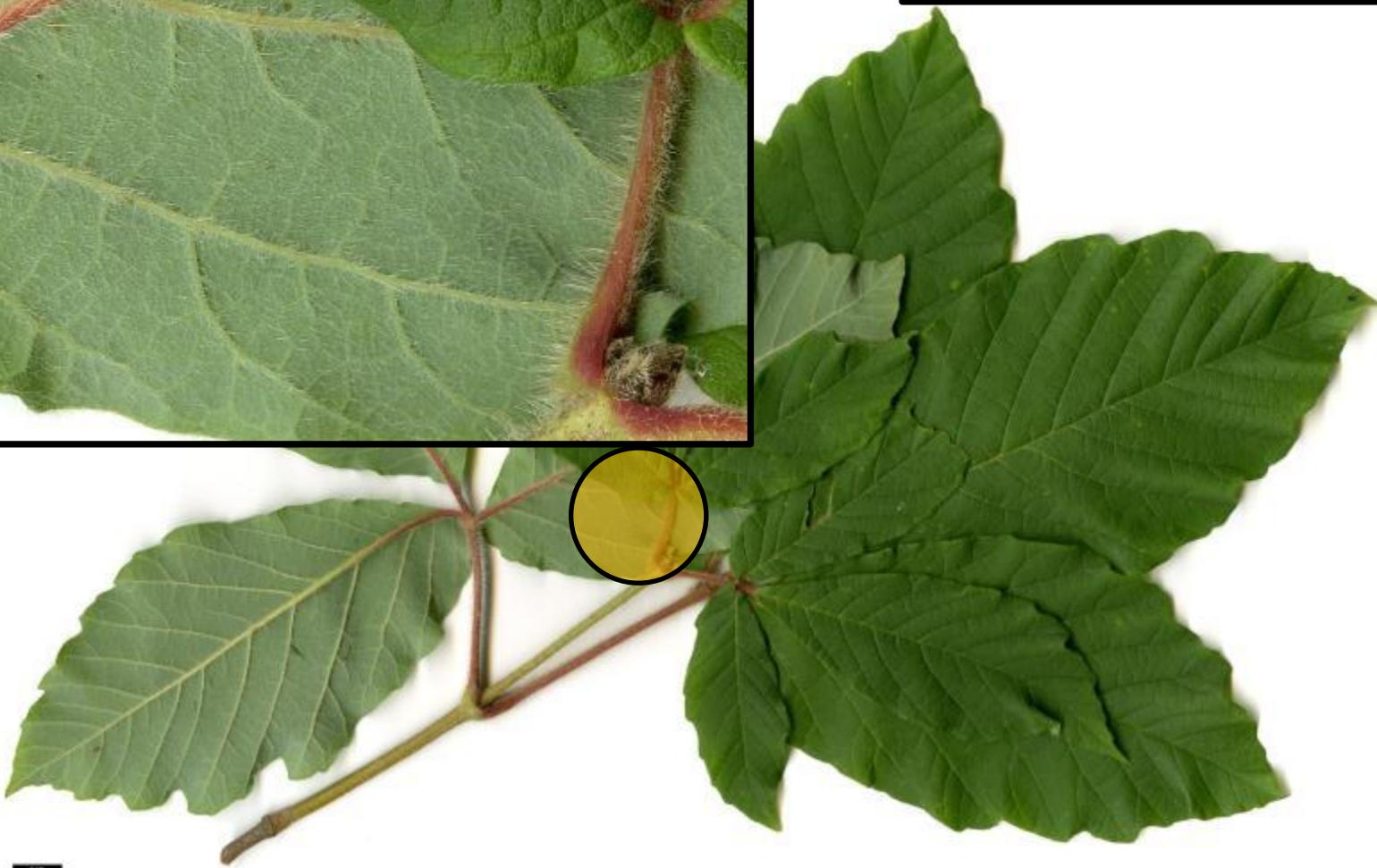
Group B



leaflet LS  
pubescent  
3-8 teeth/side



3-  
foliolate

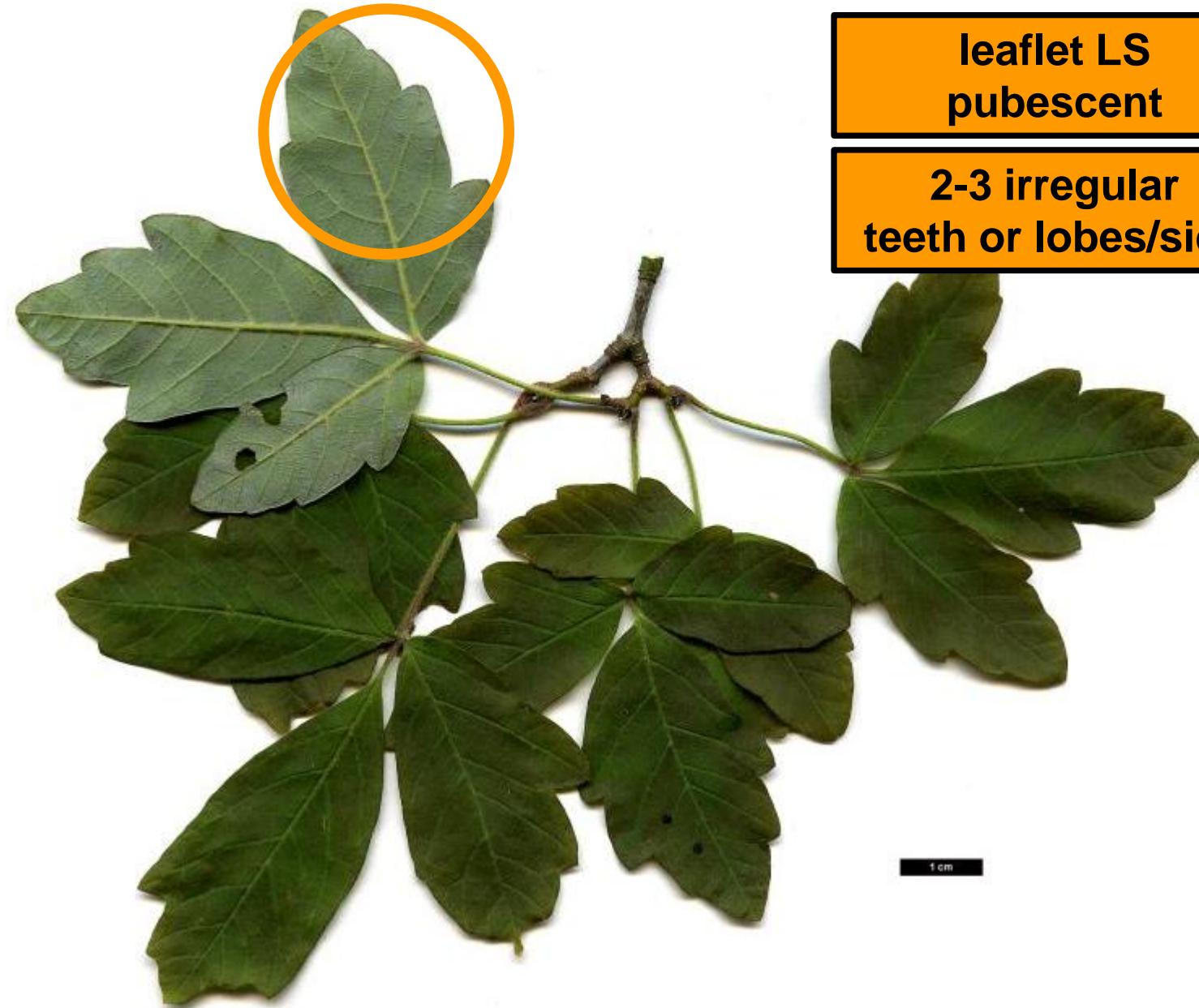


bud  
scale  
scars  
>5 pairs

E Siberia, Manchuria

# *A. griseum (Trifoliata)*

Group B



leaflet LS  
pubescent

2-3 irregular  
teeth or lobes/side



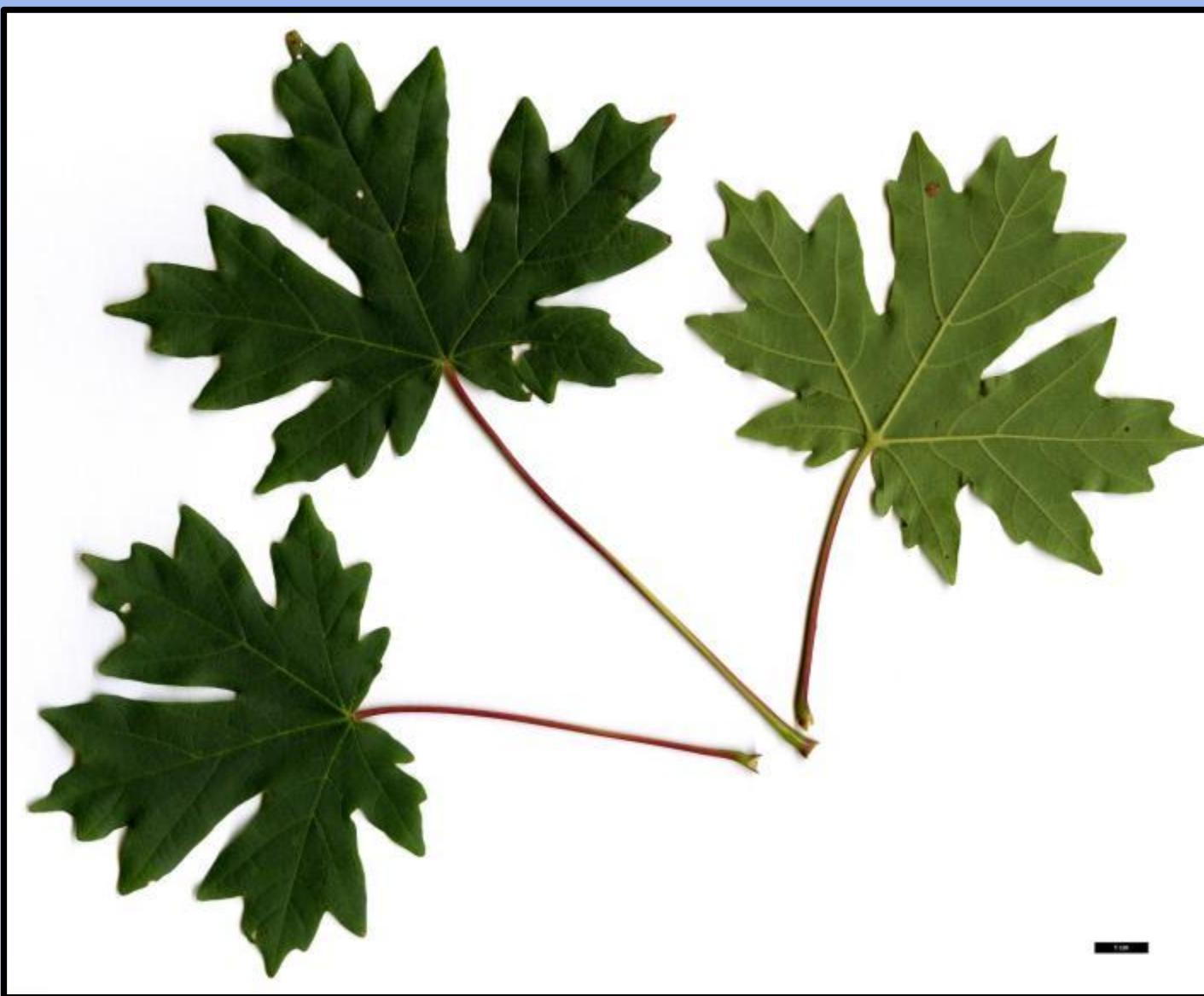
3-  
foliolate

bud  
scale  
scars  
>5 pairs

1 cm

C China

Leaves always simple.



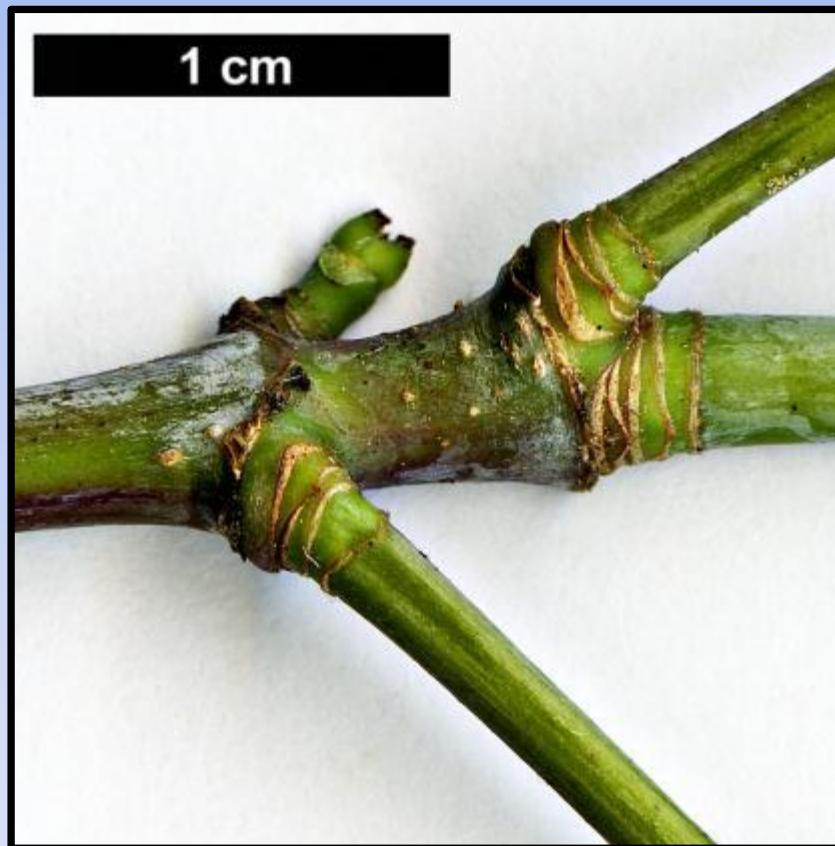
## **Petiole lactiferous**

shoots, buds and larger veins may be lactiferous too.



## GROUP C

Second year and older branches green, not woody.



# *A. macrophyllum* (*Macrophylla*)

Group C



lobes  
deeply  
dentate  
to lobed

# *A. catalpifolium* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C



unlobed  
to  
3-lobed

# *A. longipes* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C



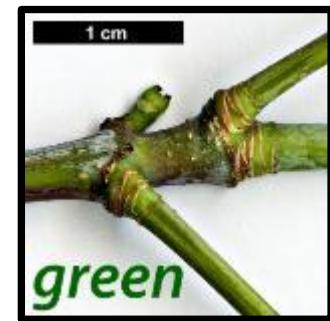
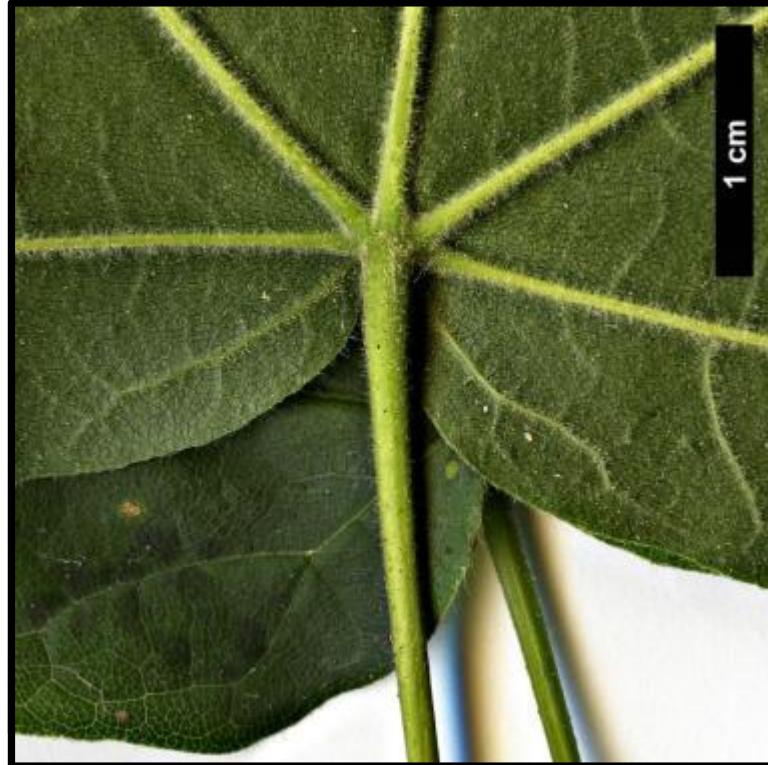
(0-)3-5-  
lobed

N Guangxi, S Henan, Hunan, W Hubei, Jiangxi, S Shaanxi, Sichuan

# *A. longipes* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C

LS pubescent  
throughout



(0-)3-5-  
lobed

# **A. chapaense (*Platanoidea*)**

**Group C**



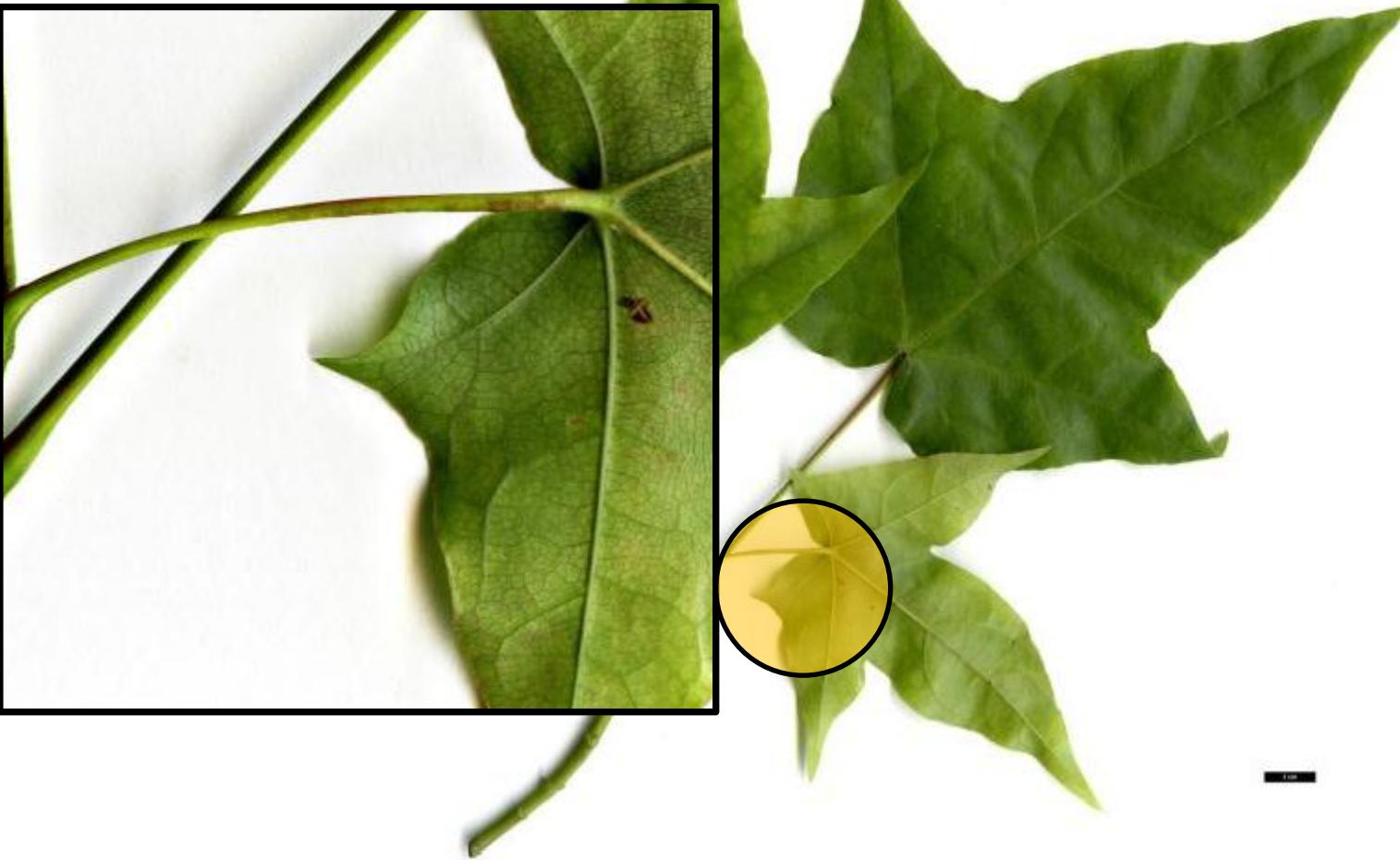
**(0-)3-5-**  
**lobed**

# **A. chapaense (*Platanoidea*)**

**Group C**

**LS pubescent  
in vein axils**

**basal lobes  
obtuse to acute**



***lactiferous***



***green***

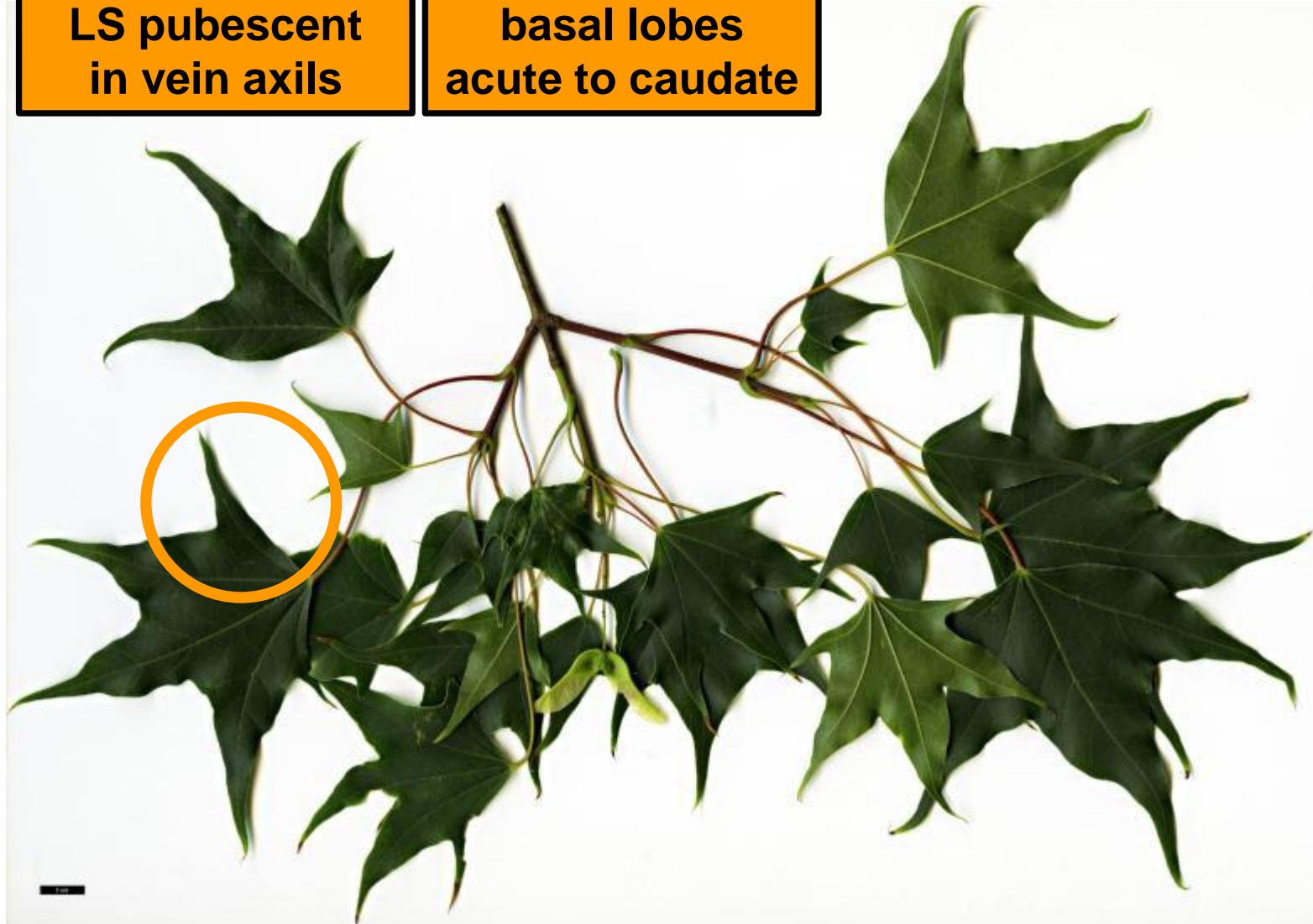
**(0-)3-5-  
lobed**

# *A. shenkanense* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C

LS pubescent  
in vein axils

basal lobes  
acute to caudate



(0-)3-5-  
lobed

# *A. tibetense* (*Platanoidea*)

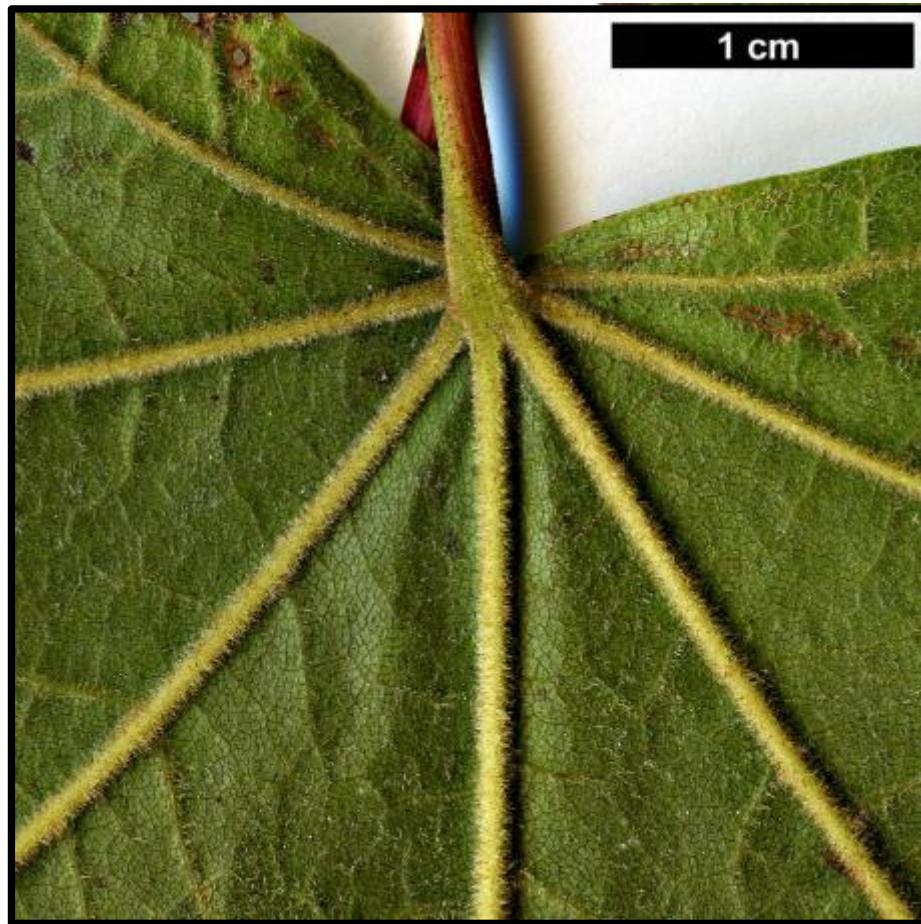
Group C



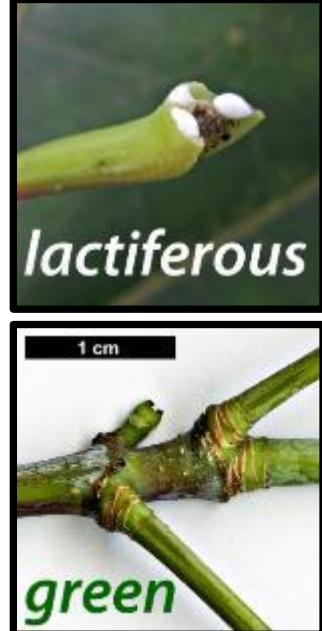
5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

# *A. tibetense* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C



LS pubescent  
throughout



5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

# *A. amplum* (*Platanoidea*)

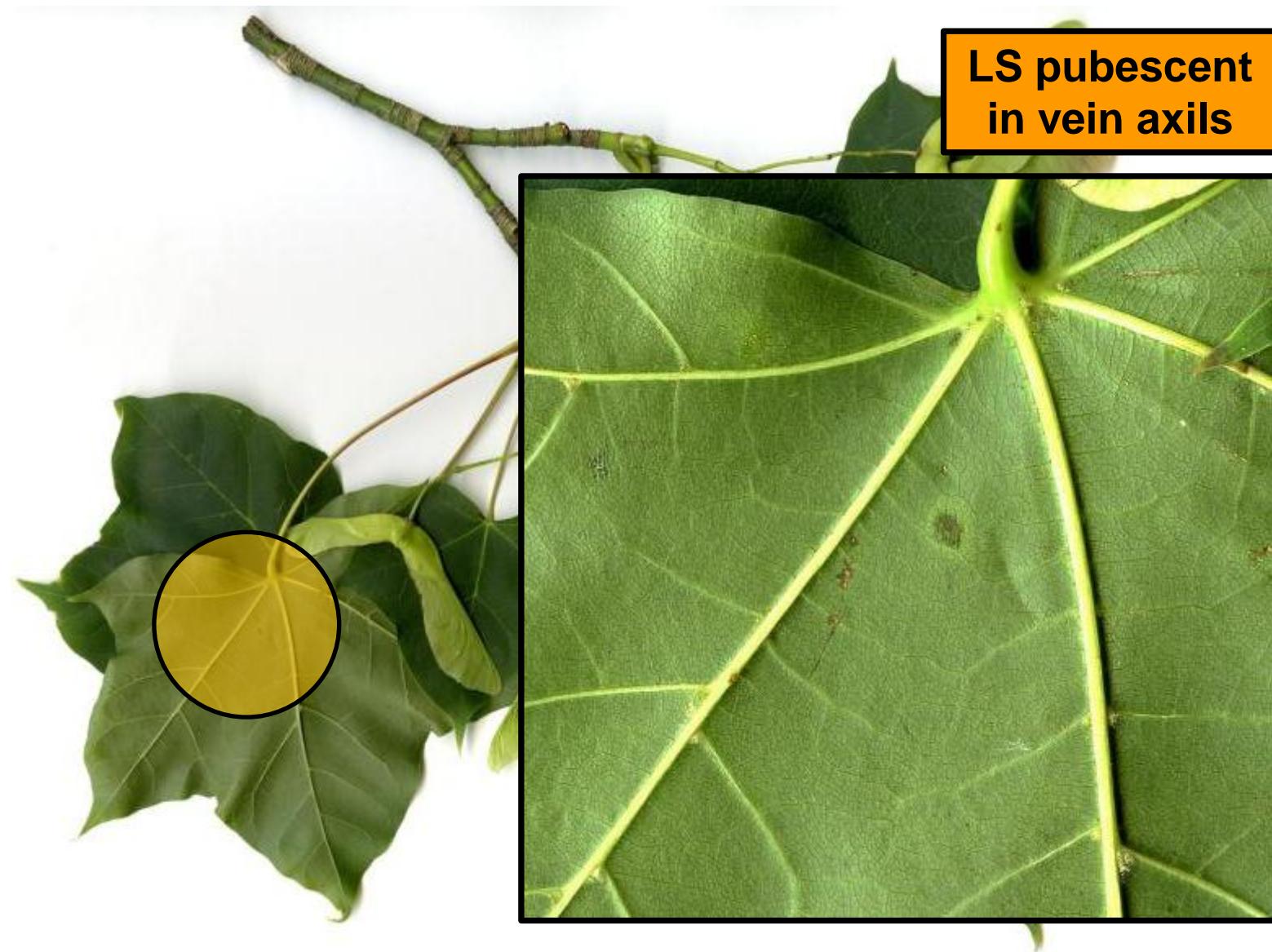
Group C



5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

# *A. amplum* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C

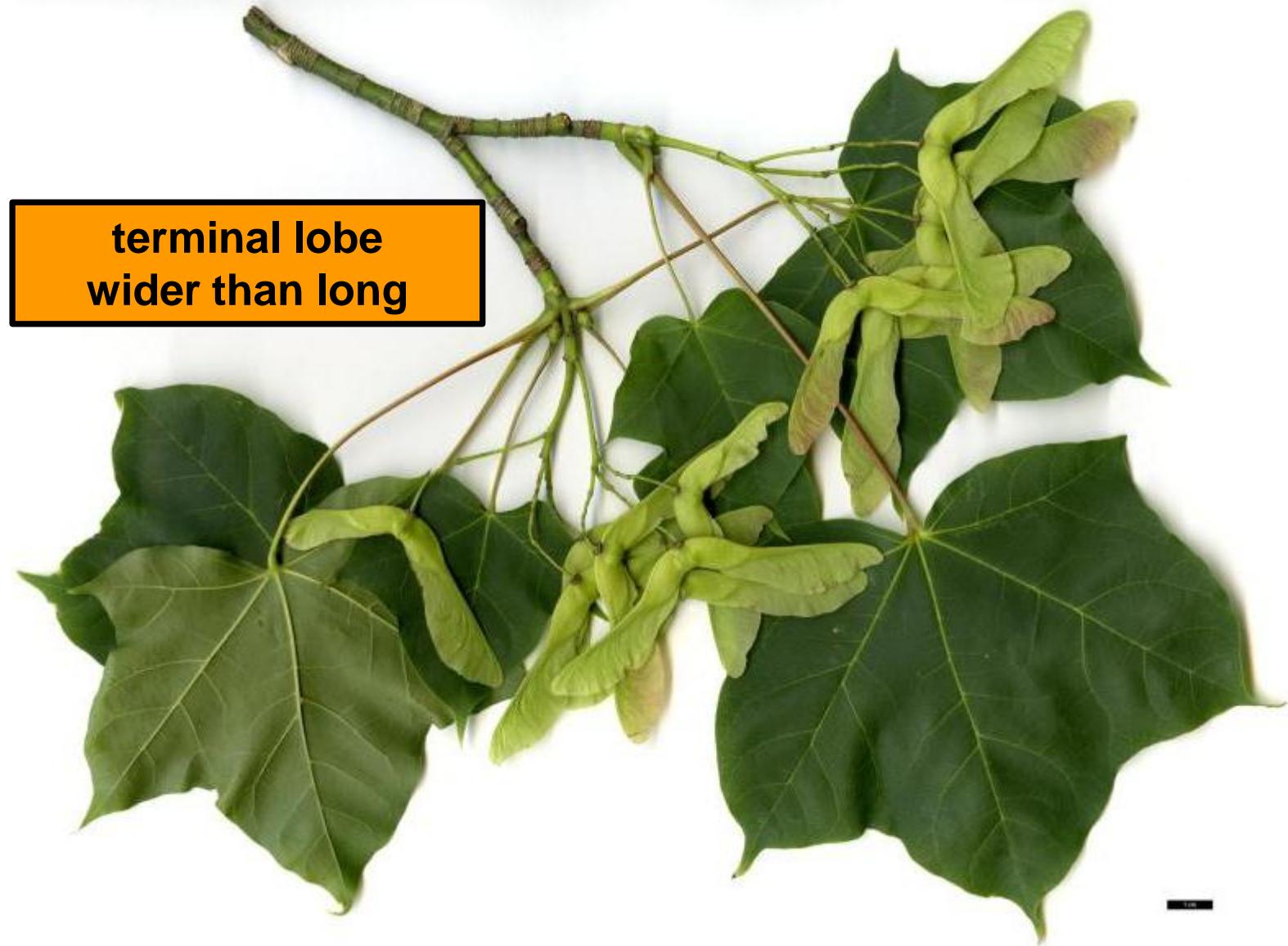


5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

# *A. amplum* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C

terminal lobe  
wider than long



5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

***A. cappadocicum* subsp. *cappadocicum*  
(*Platanoidea*)**

Group C

terminal lobe  
longer than wide



5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

Yunnan, Xizang, Bhutan, N India, Kashmir, Nepal, Pakistan, SW Asia and S Europe

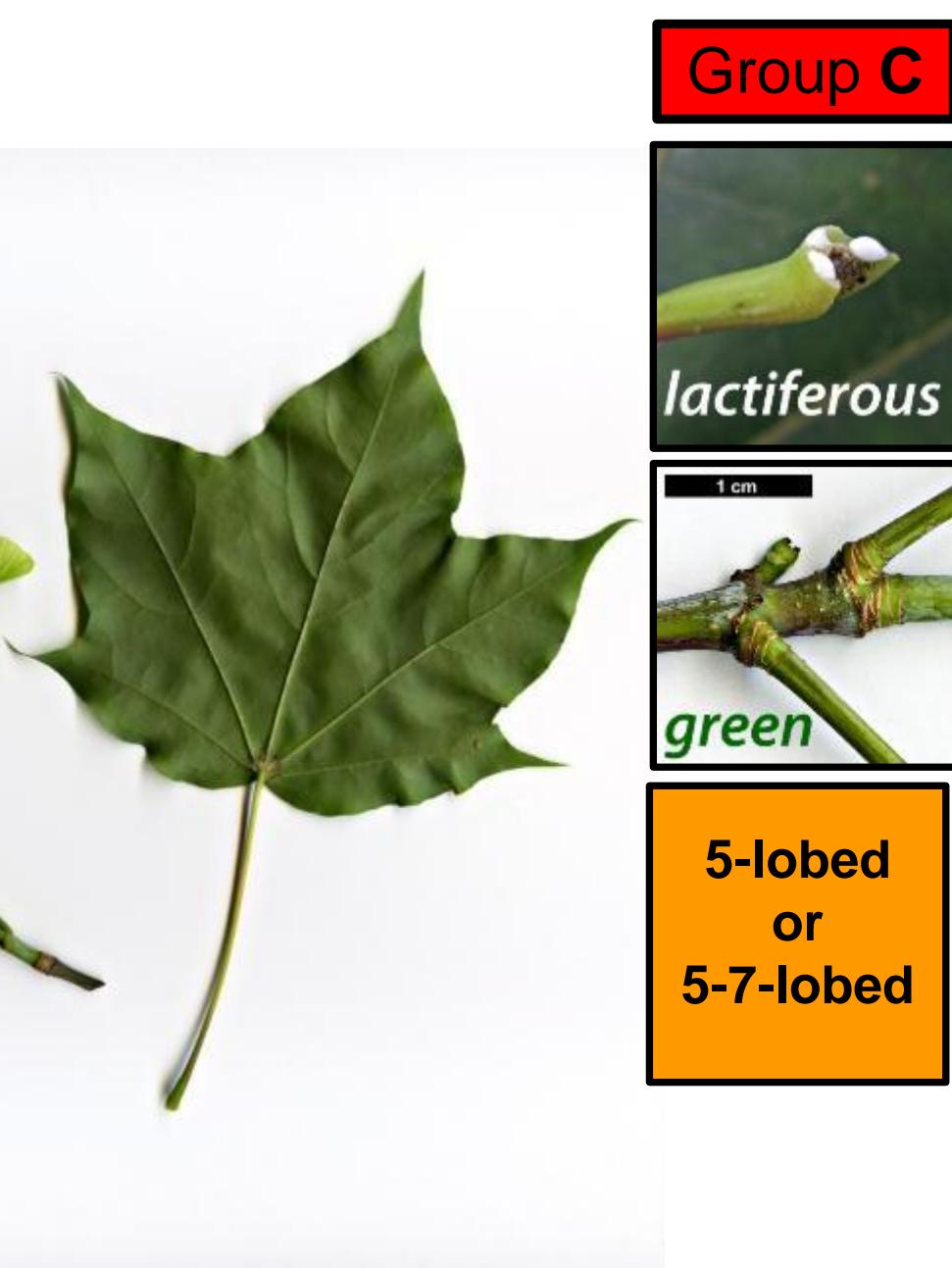
# *A. lobelii* (*Platanoidea*)

Group C



5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

# *A. lobelii* (*Platanoidea*)



Group C



*lactiferous*



*green*

5-lobed  
or  
5-7-lobed

**Second year and older branches grey to brown and woody,  
often striate.**



## GROUP D

Well developed shoot at base with 8-12 pairs of bud scale scars AND lamina predominantly 3-5-lobed.



# *A. sinopurpurascens* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group D



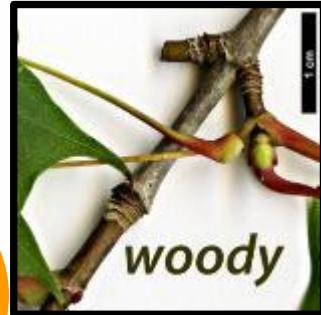
**3-5-lobed  
8-12 pairs  
of  
BSS**

S Anhui, NE Hubei, N Jiangxi, NW Zhejiang

# *A. sinopurpurascens* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group D

very lactiferous  
shoot + petiole  
glabrescent  
T-lobe caudate

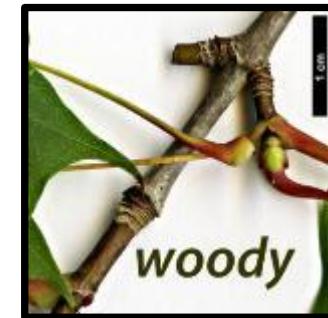


3-5-lobed  
8-12 pairs  
of  
BSS

S Anhui, NE Hubei, N Jiangxi, NW Zhejiang

# **A. *tsinglingense* (*Lithocarpa*)**

Group D

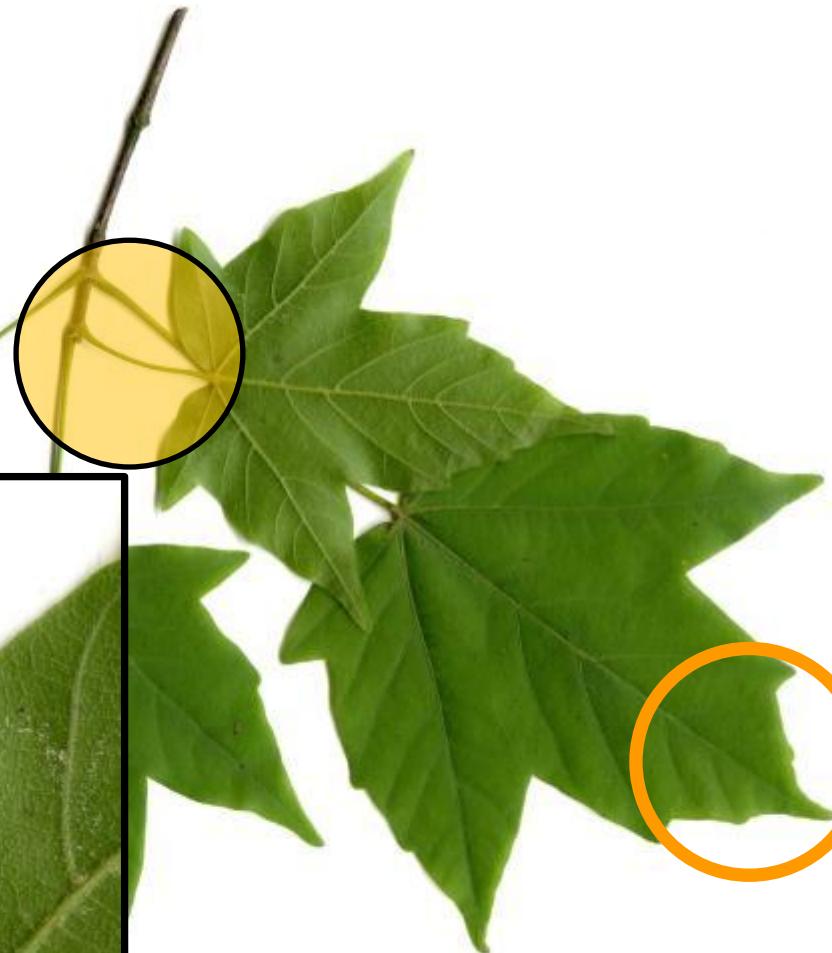
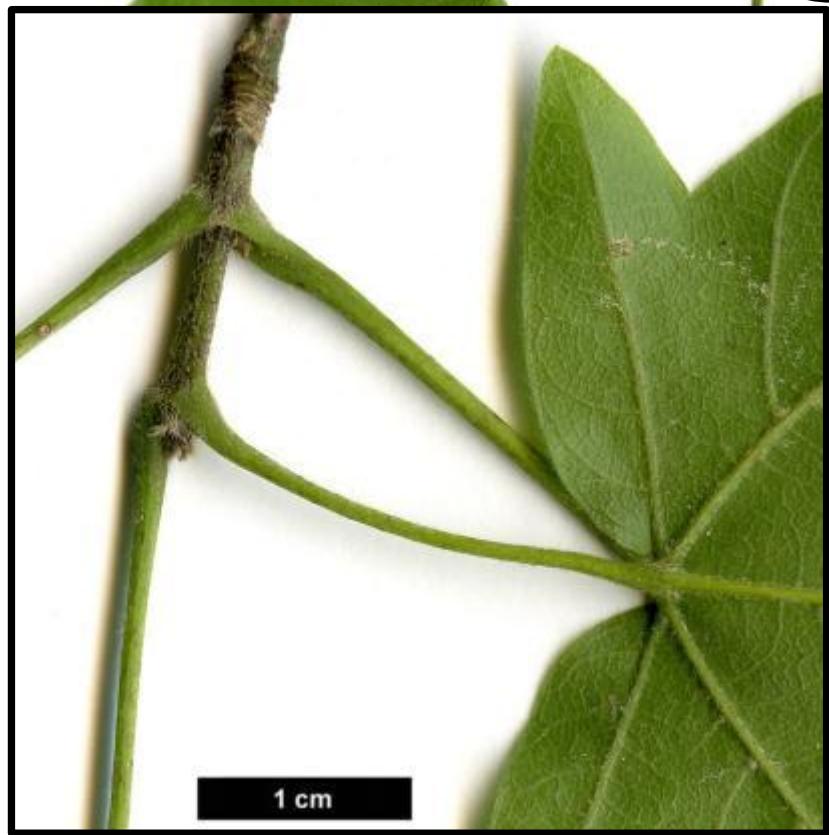


**3-5-lobed  
8-12 pairs  
of  
BSS**

# *A. tsinglingense* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group D

very lactiferous  
shoot + petiole  
pubescent  
T-lobe acuminate

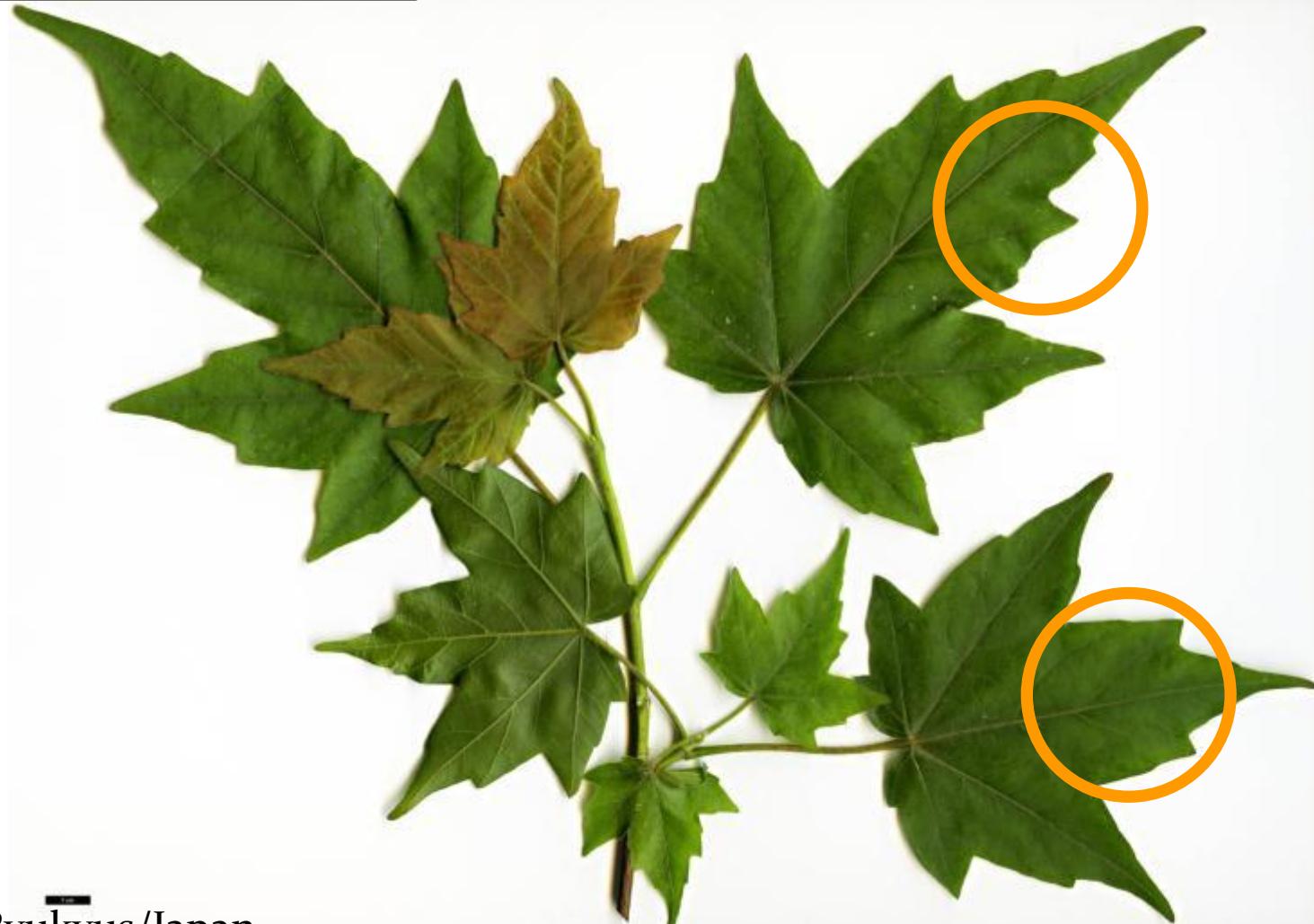


3-5-lobed  
8-12 pairs  
of  
BSS

# *A. amamiense* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group D

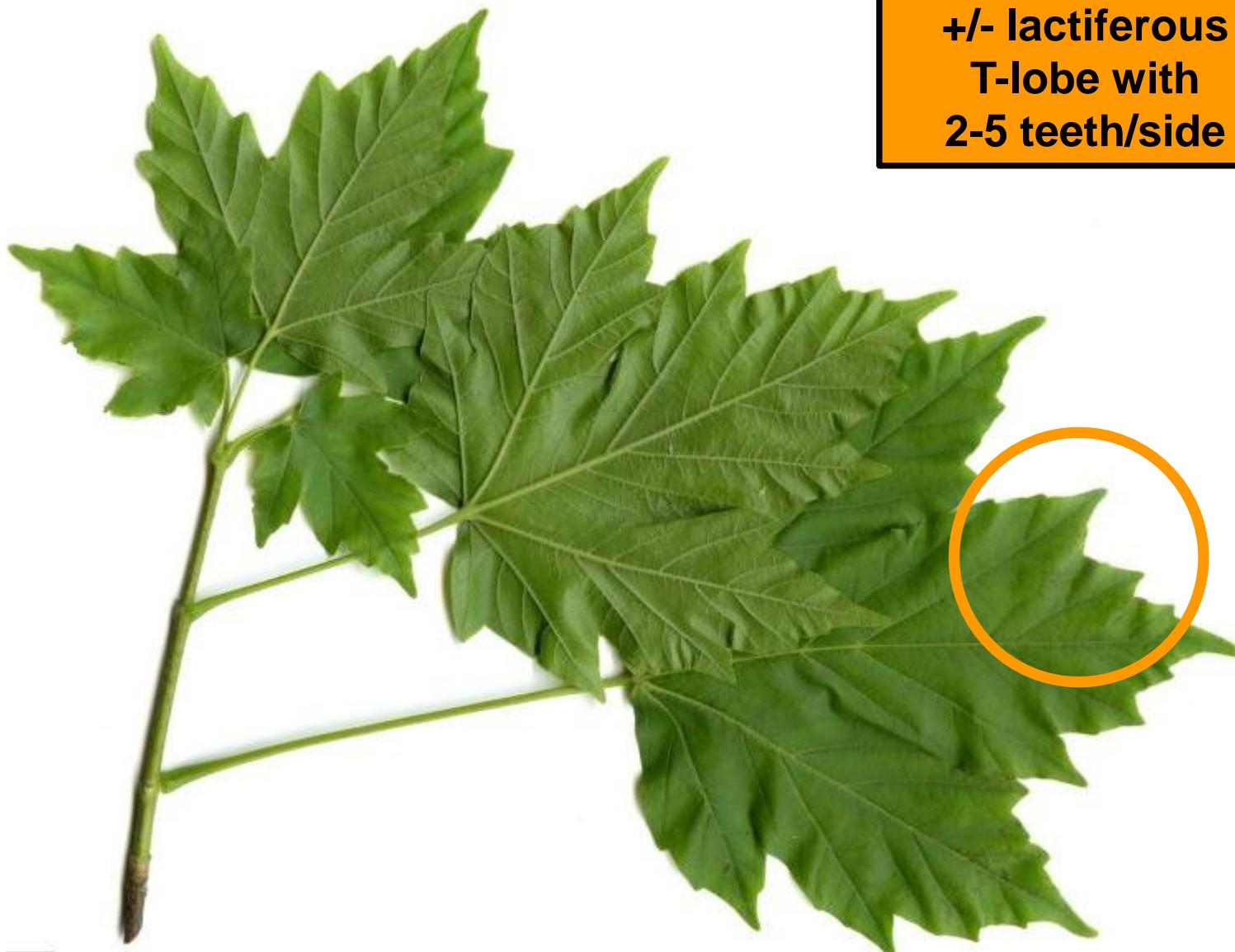
+/- lactiferous  
T-lobe with  
1-3 teeth/side



3-5-lobed  
8-12 pairs  
of  
BSS

# *A. diabolicum* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group D



+/- lactiferous  
T-lobe with  
2-5 teeth/side

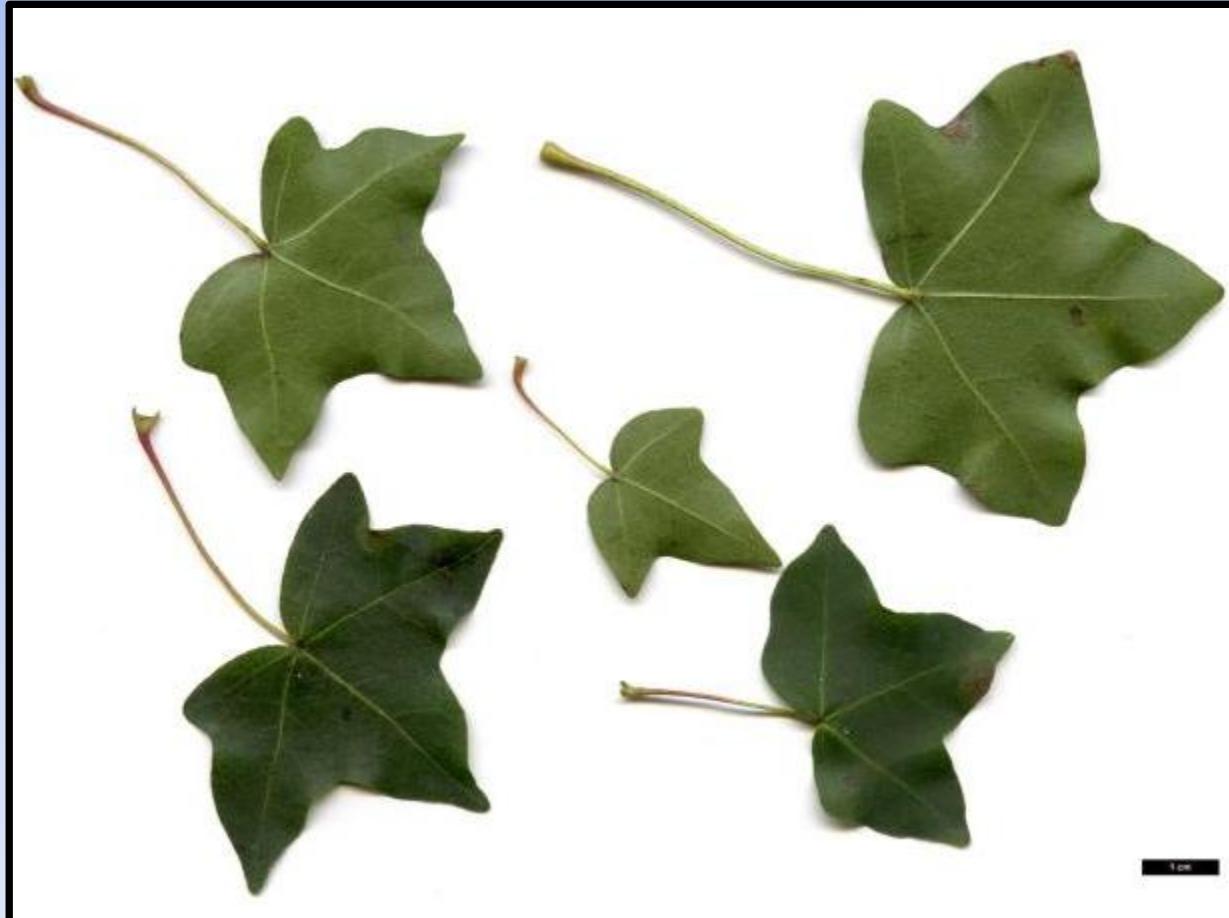


3-5-lobed  
8-12 pairs  
of  
BSS

Japan

## GROUP E

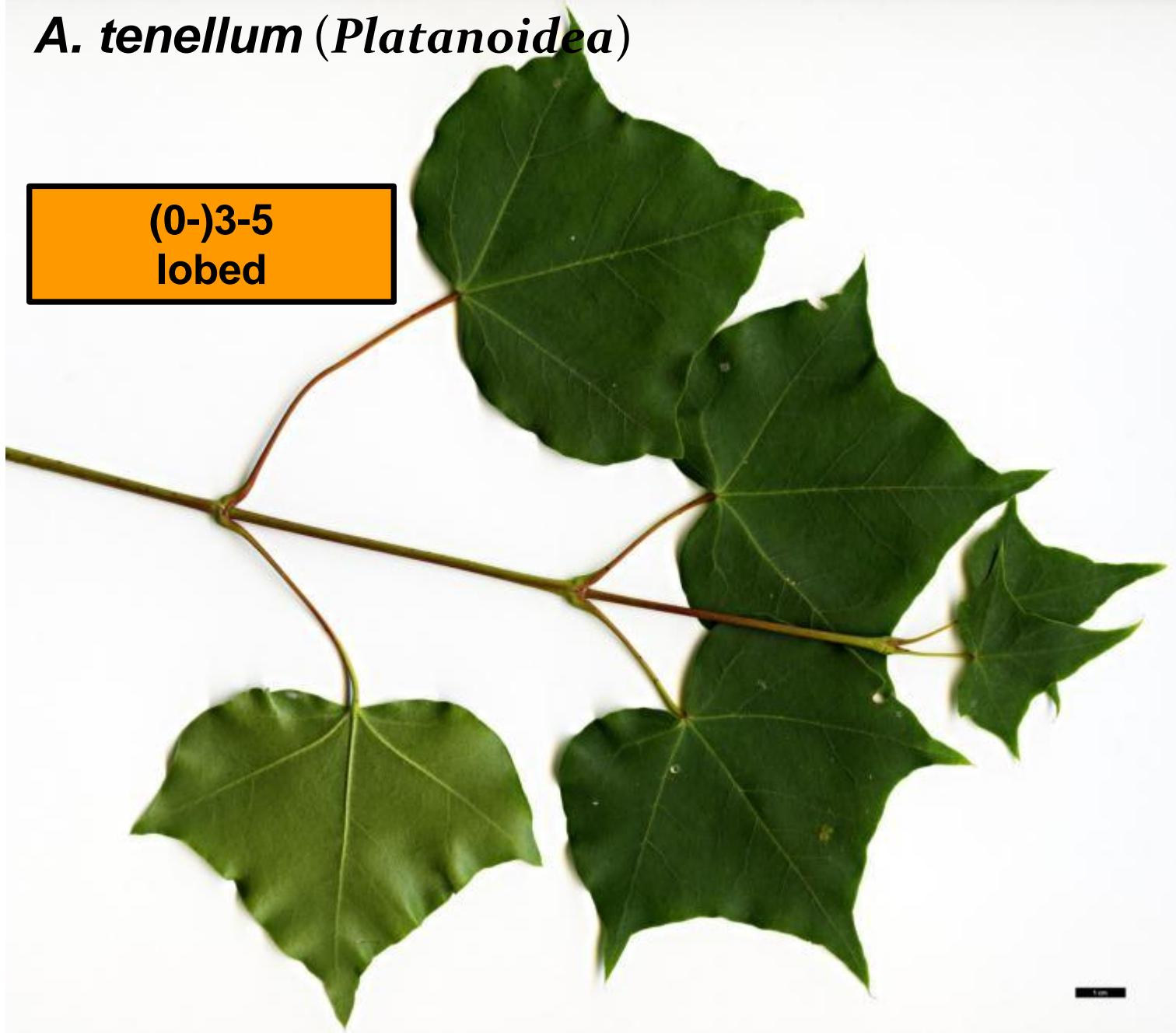
Well developed shoot at base with 5-8 pairs of bud scale scars AND lamina predominantly 3-5-lobed or 5-lobed.



# *A. tenellum* (*Platanoidea*)

Group E

(0-)3-5  
lobed



*lactiferous*



3-5-lobed  
5-8 pairs  
of  
BSS

W Hubei, E and SE Sichuan

# *A. divergens* (*Platanoidea*)

Group E

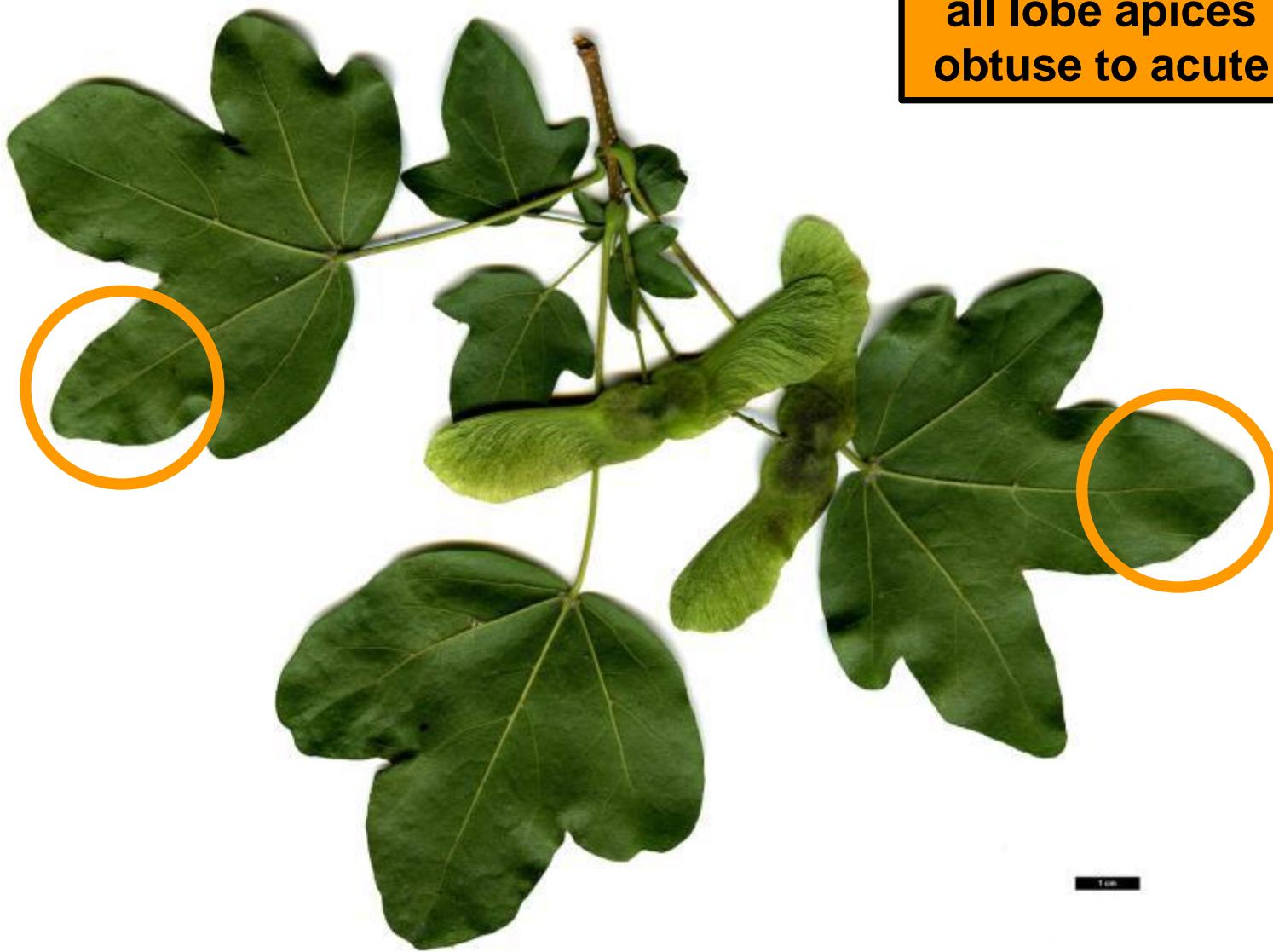
midvein length  
 $\leq 6$  cm



3-5-lobed  
5-8 pairs  
of  
BSS

# *A. campestre* (*Platanoidea*)

Group E



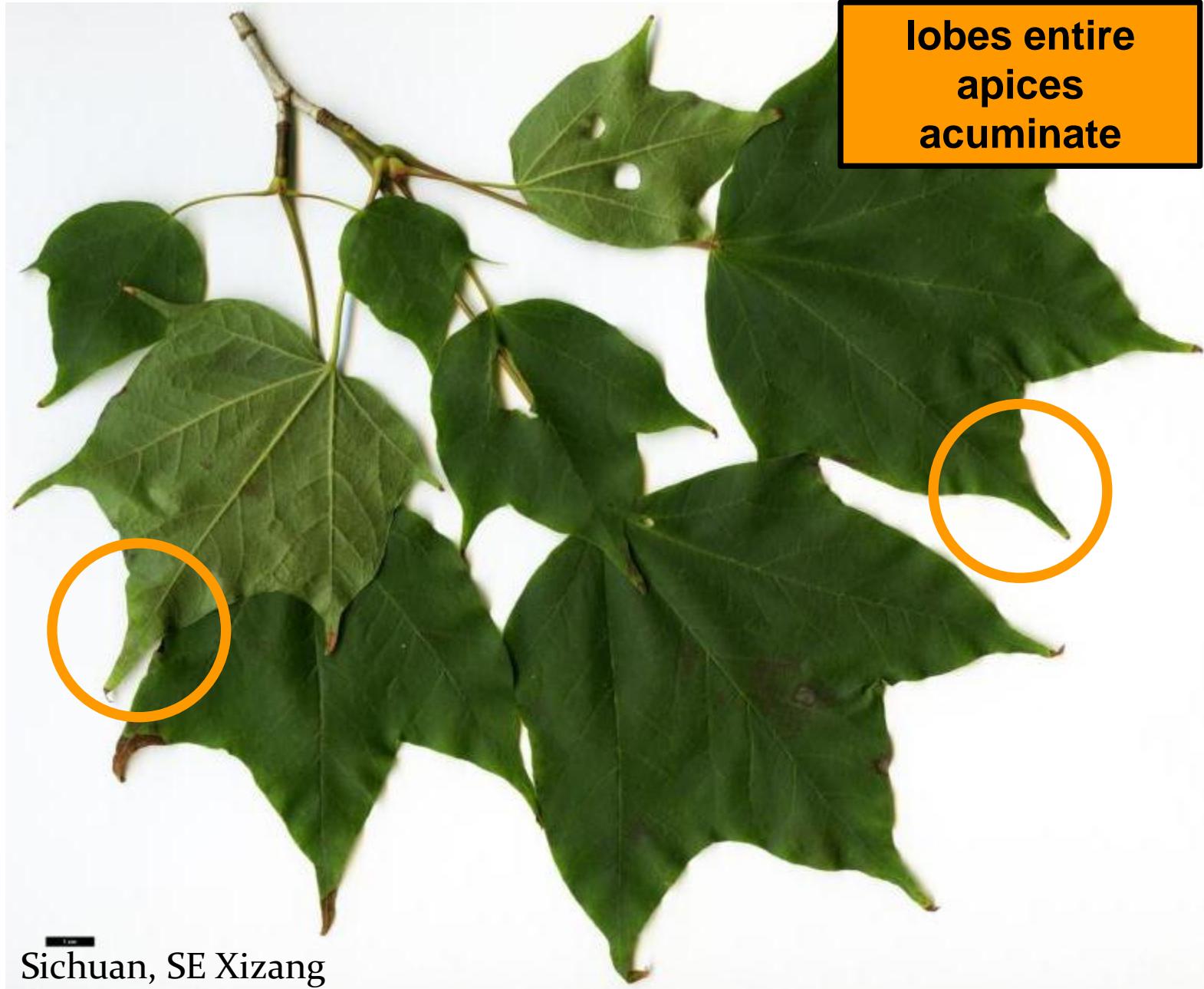
all lobe apices  
obtuse to acute



3-5-lobed  
5-8 pairs  
of  
BSS

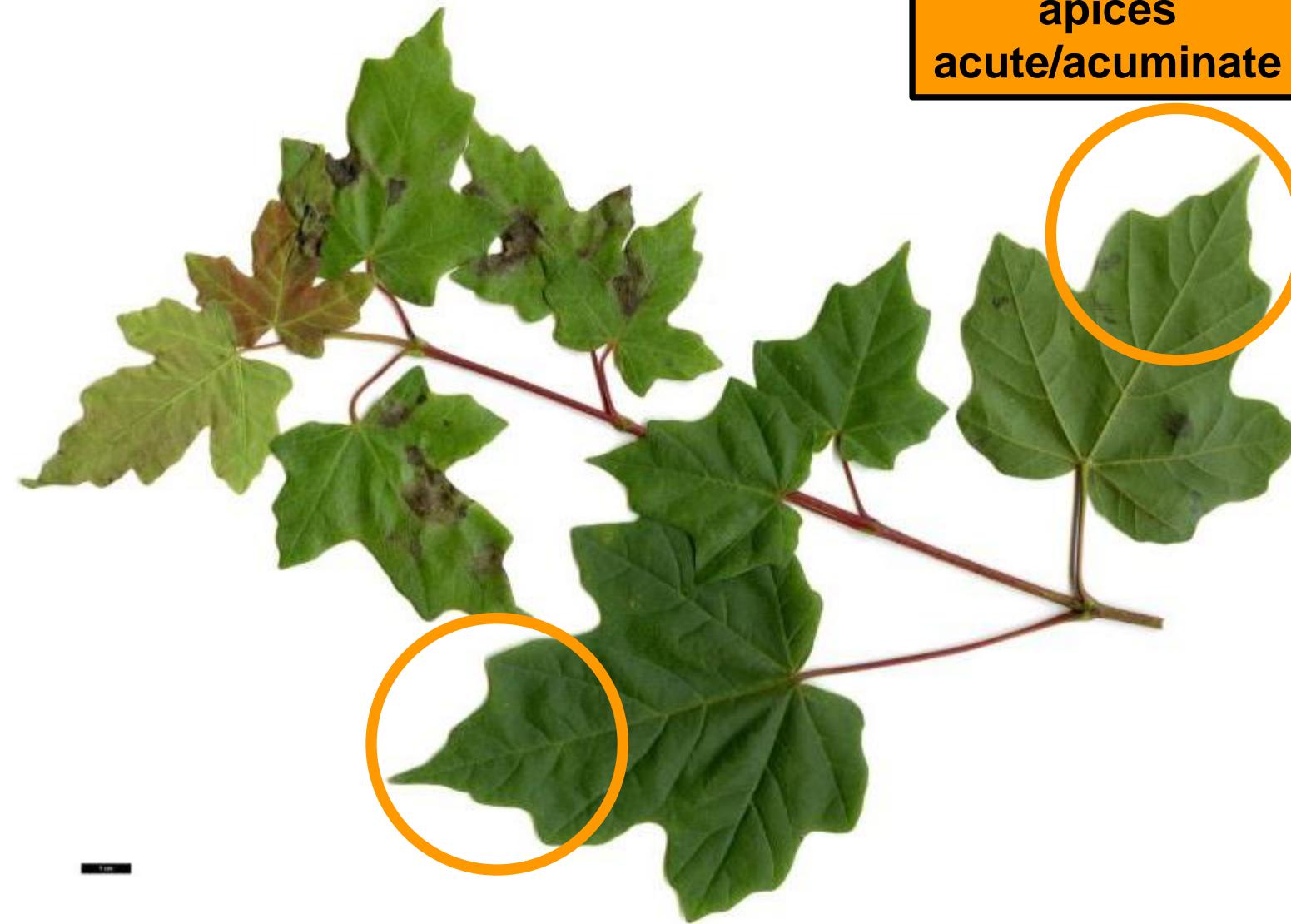
# *A. fulvescens* (*Platanoidea*)

Group E



# *A. miaotaiense* (*Platanoidea*)

Group E



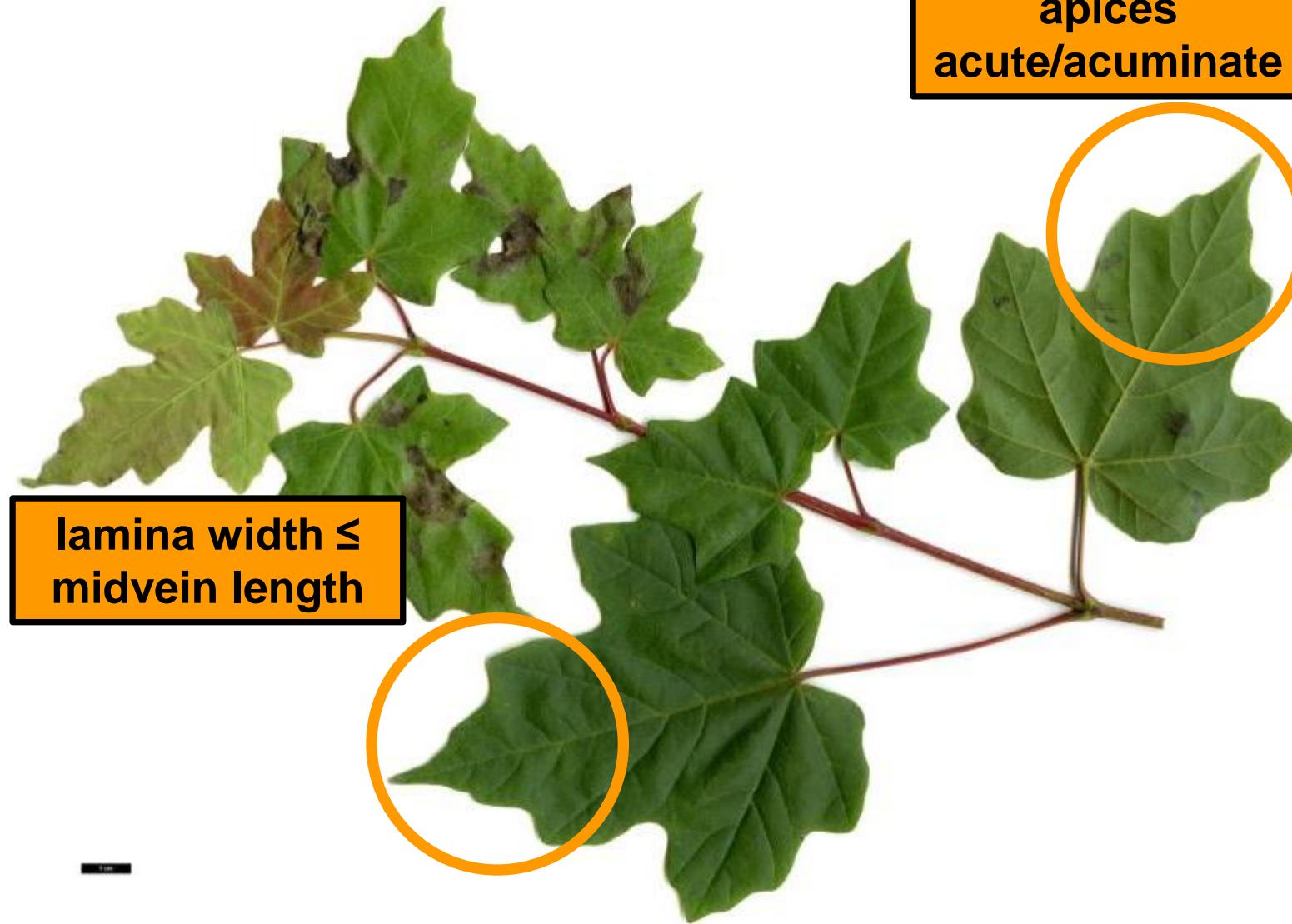
lobes +/- dentate  
apices  
acute/acuminate



3-5-lobed  
5-8 pairs  
of  
BSS

# *A. miaotaiense* (*Platanoidea*)

Group E



lobes +/- dentate  
apices  
acute/acuminate



*lactiferous*

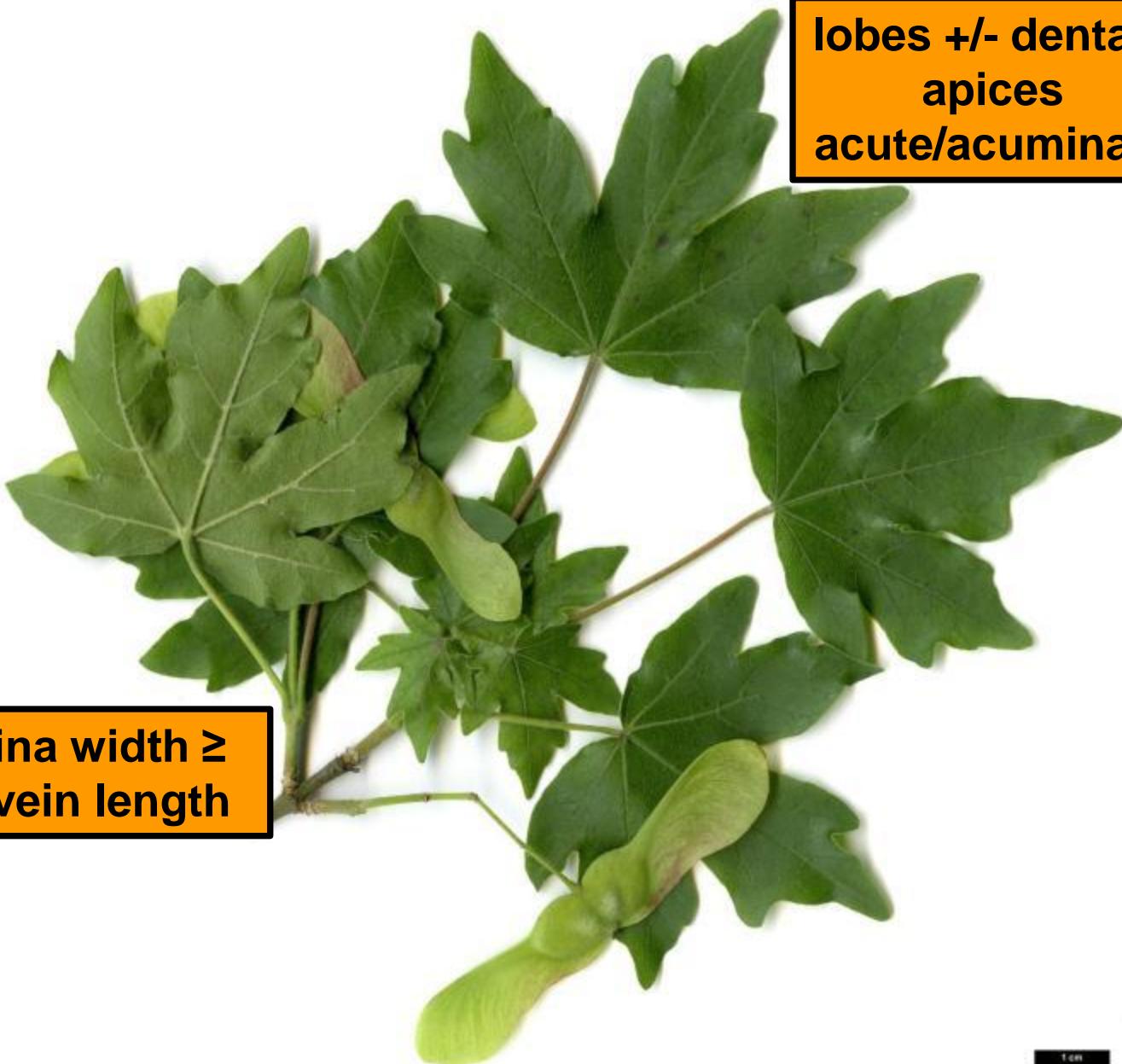


*woody*

3-5-lobed  
5-8 pairs  
of  
BSS

# *A. miyabei* (*Platanoidea*)

Group E



lamina width  $\geq$   
midvein length

lobes +/- dentate  
apices  
acute/acuminate

*lactiferous*

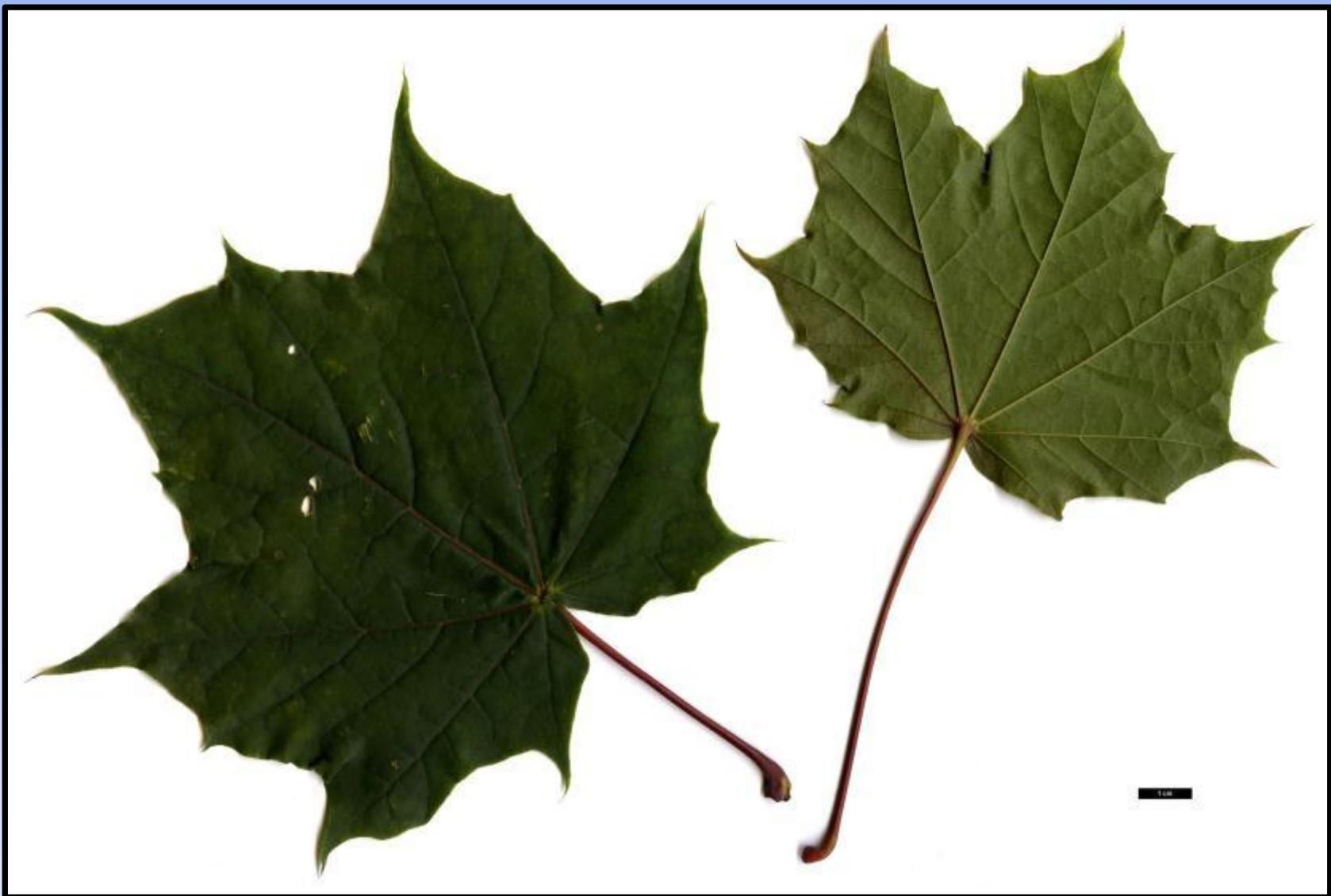


3-5-lobed  
5-8 pairs  
of  
BSS

1 cm

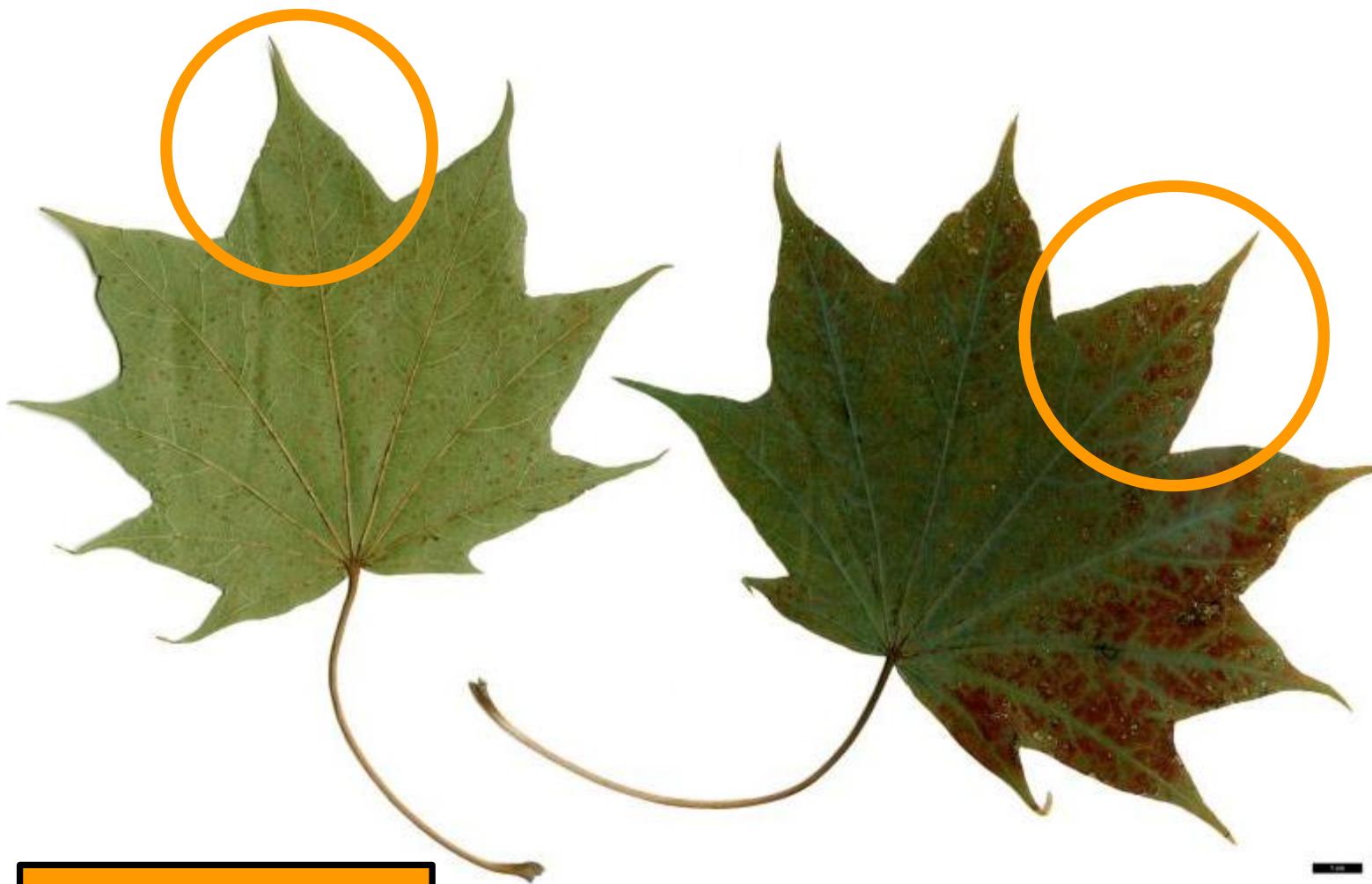
Japan

**GROUP F**  
**Lamina 5-9-lobed.**



# *A. okamotoanum* (*Platanoidea*)

Group F



lobe margin  
entire

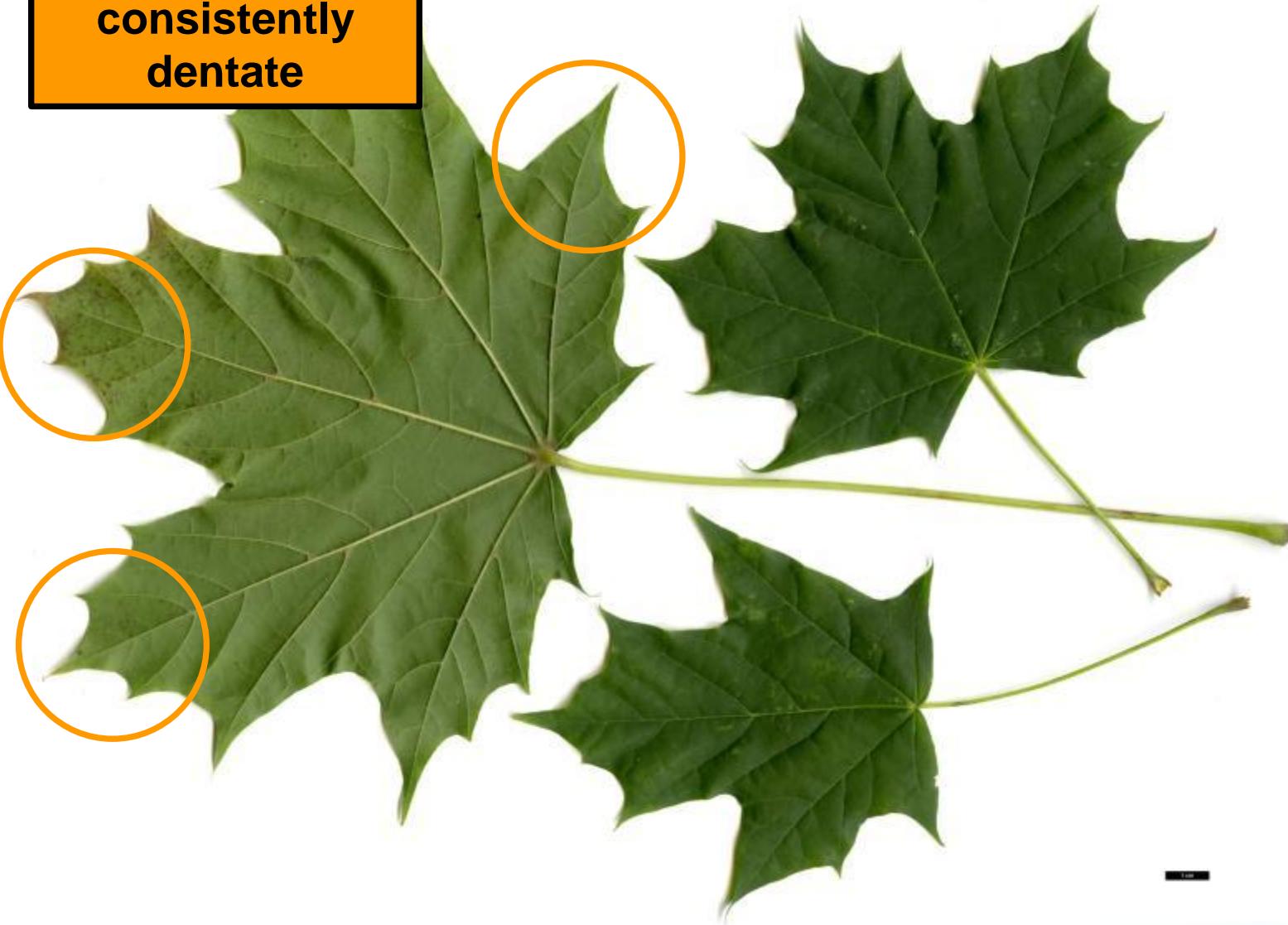


7-9  
lobed

# *A. platanoides* (*Platanoidea*)

Group F

lobe margin  
consistently  
dentate



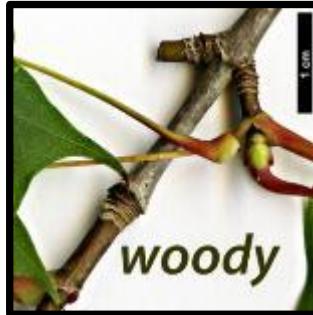
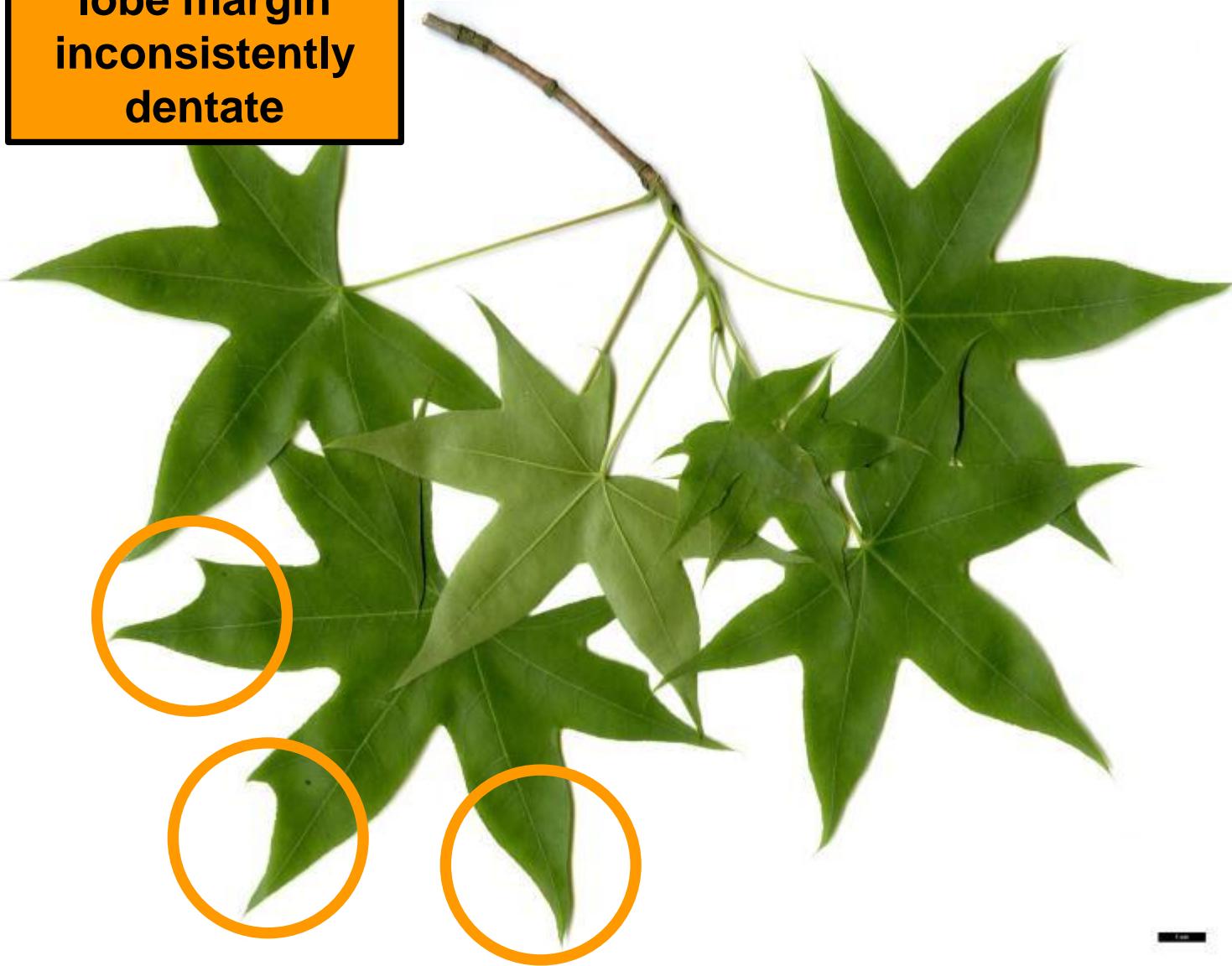
5-7  
lobed

continental Europe

# *A. truncatum* (*Platanoidea*)

Group F

lobe margin  
inconsistently  
dentate



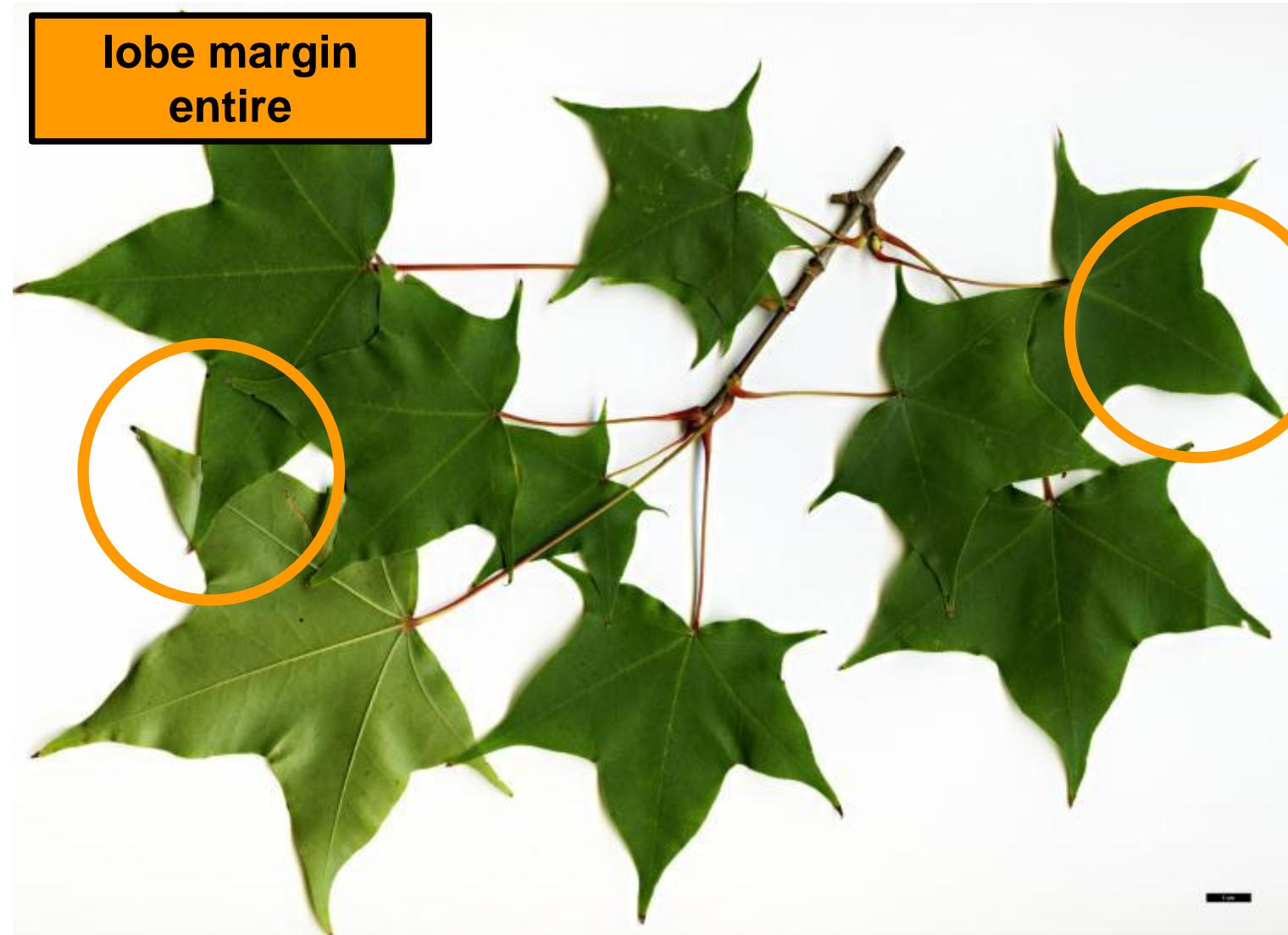
5-7  
lobed

N China

# *A. pictum* (*Platanoidea*)

Group F

lobe margin  
entire



5-7  
lobed

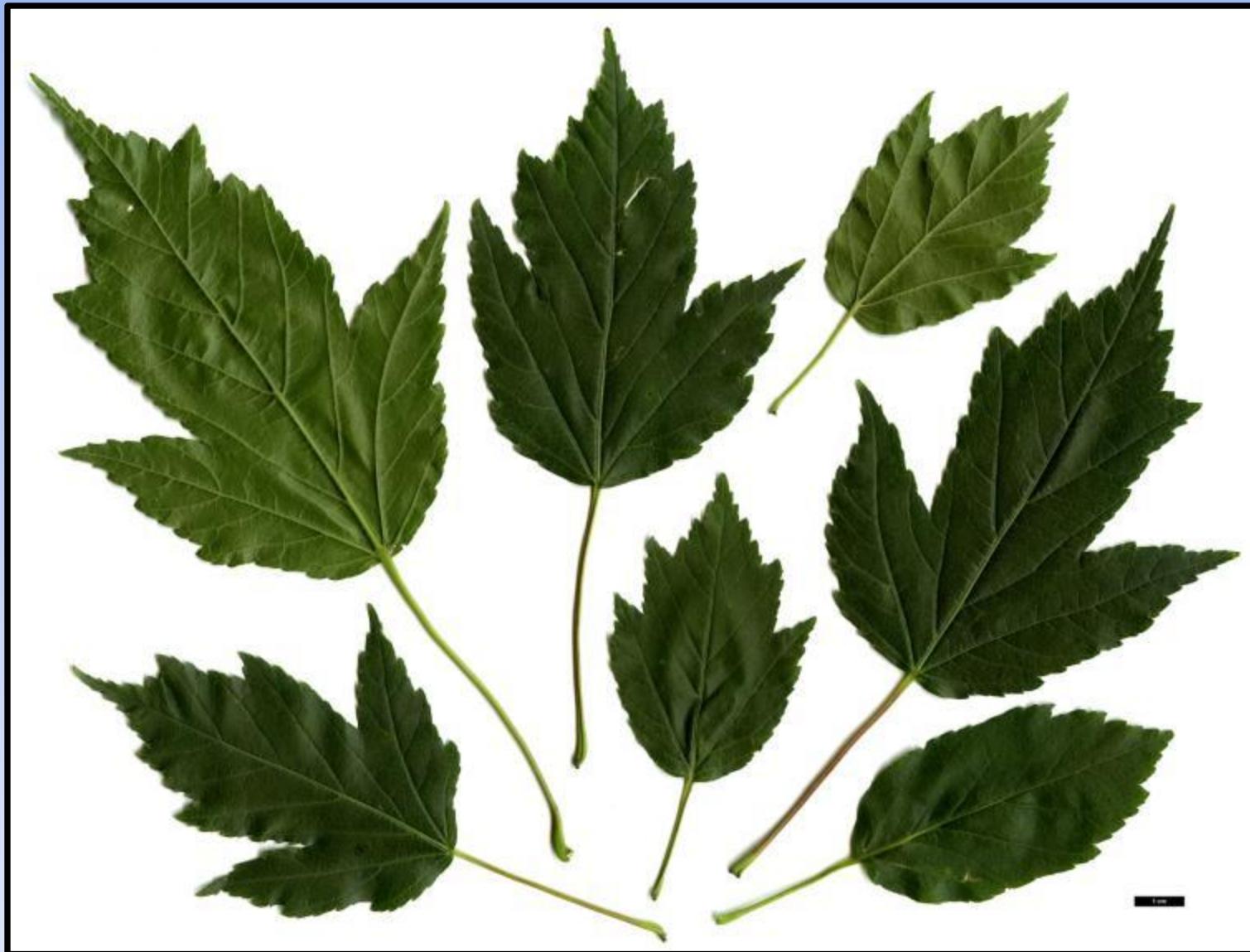
China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, E Russia

**Shoot at base with >4 pairs of bud scale scars (10× LENS).**



## GROUP G

Lamina unlobed or 0-3-lobed, 5-lobed laminas absent.

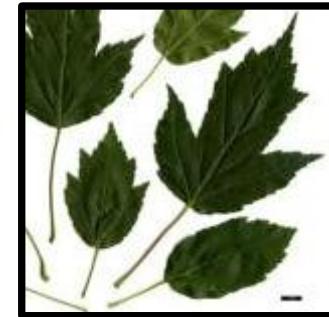


# *A. carpinifolium (Indivisa)*

Group G



secondary veins  
15-25/side



not  
lobed

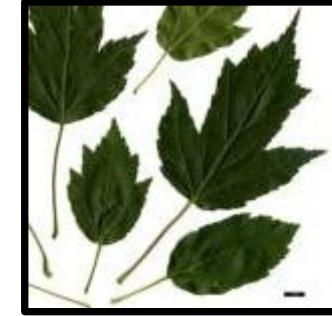
1 cm

Japan

# *A. monspessulanum* (*Acer*)

Group G

**apex obtuse to acute  
very long petiole**



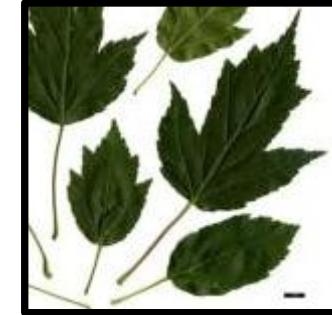
**3-  
lobed**

S and C Europe, N Africa Near East

# *A. yui (Oblonga)*

Group G

**apex obtuse to acute  
very long petiole**



**3-  
lobed**

S Gansu, NW Sichuan

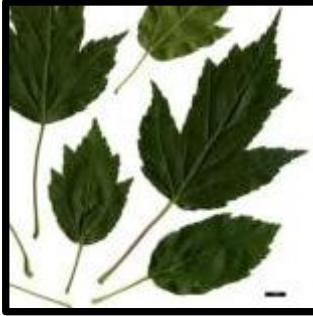
# *A. yui (Oblonga)*

**apex obtuse to acute  
very long petiole**

**petiole  
pubescent**



**Group G**

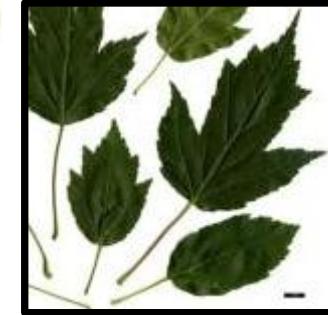


**3-  
lobed**

# *A. sempervirens* (*Acer*)

Group G

apex obtuse to acute  
short petiole  
midvein length <4 cm

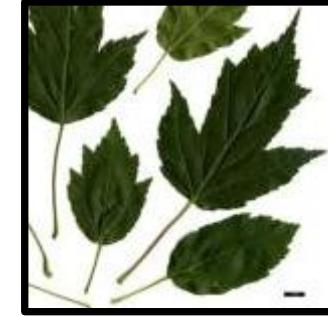


(0-)3-  
lobed

# *A. obtusifolium* (*Acer*)

Group G

apex obtuse to acute  
short petiole  
midvein length 4-6+ cm



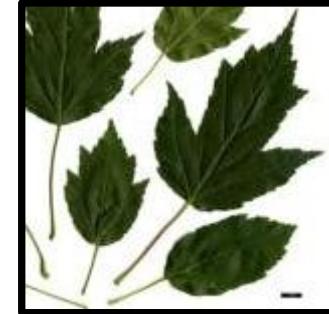
(0-)3-  
lobed

Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Cyprus, Israël

# *A. pilosum* (*Pubescentia*)

Group G

apex acute to acuminate  
3-lobed  
terminal lobe narrow



3-  
lobed

Gansu, SW Nei Mongol, SE Ningxia, Shaanxi, Shanxi

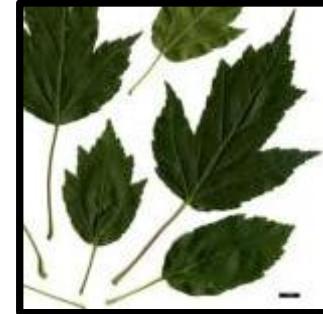
# *A. tataricum (Ginnala)*

Group G

**apex acute to acuminate  
0-3-lobed  
terminal lobe wide**



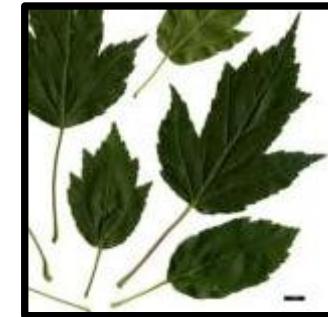
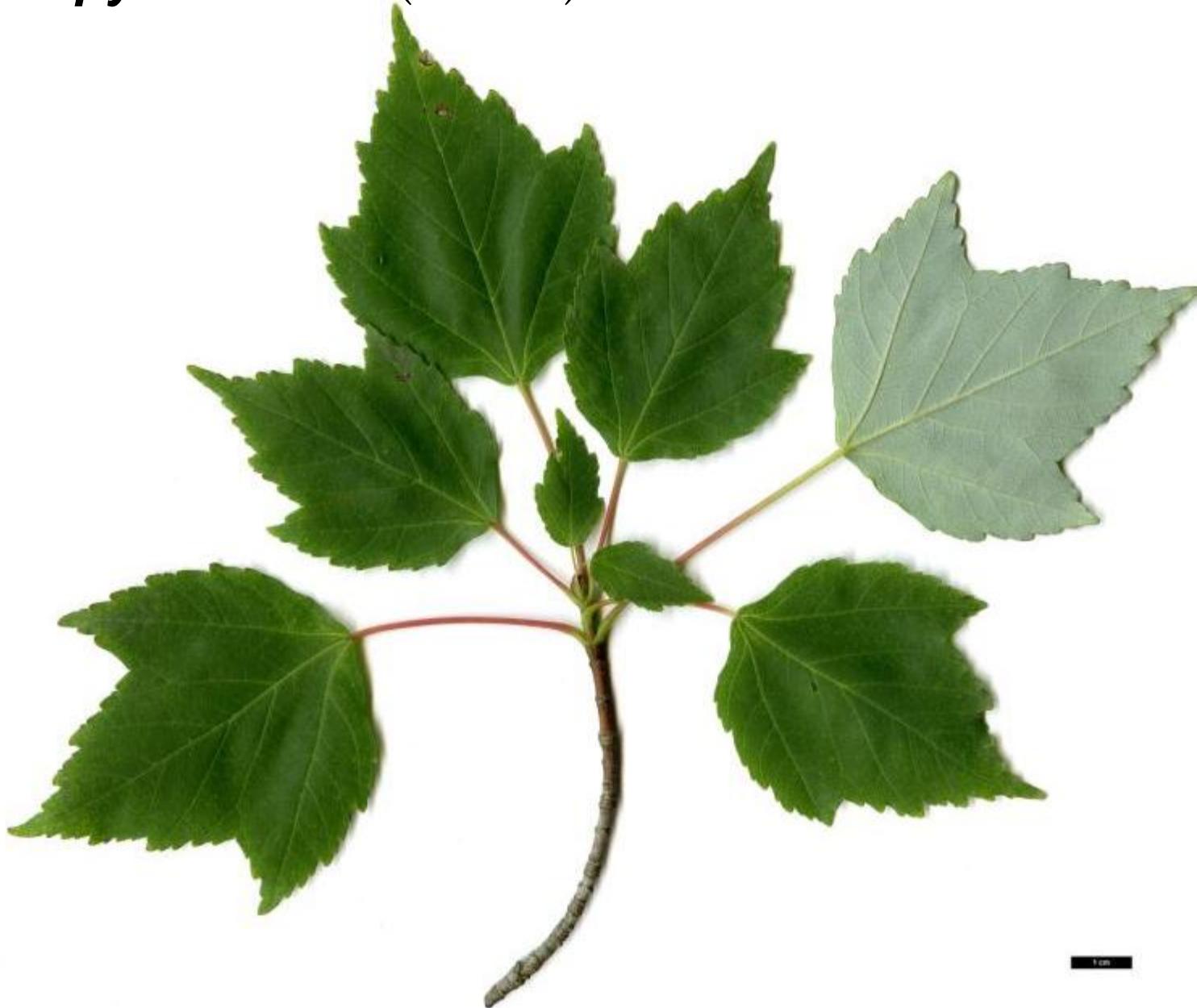
**(0-)3-  
lobed**



China, Afghanistan, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia, SW Asia, C and SE Europe

# *A. pycnanthum* (*Rubra*)

Group G



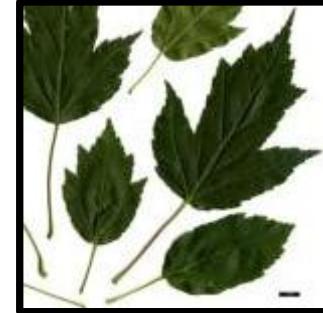
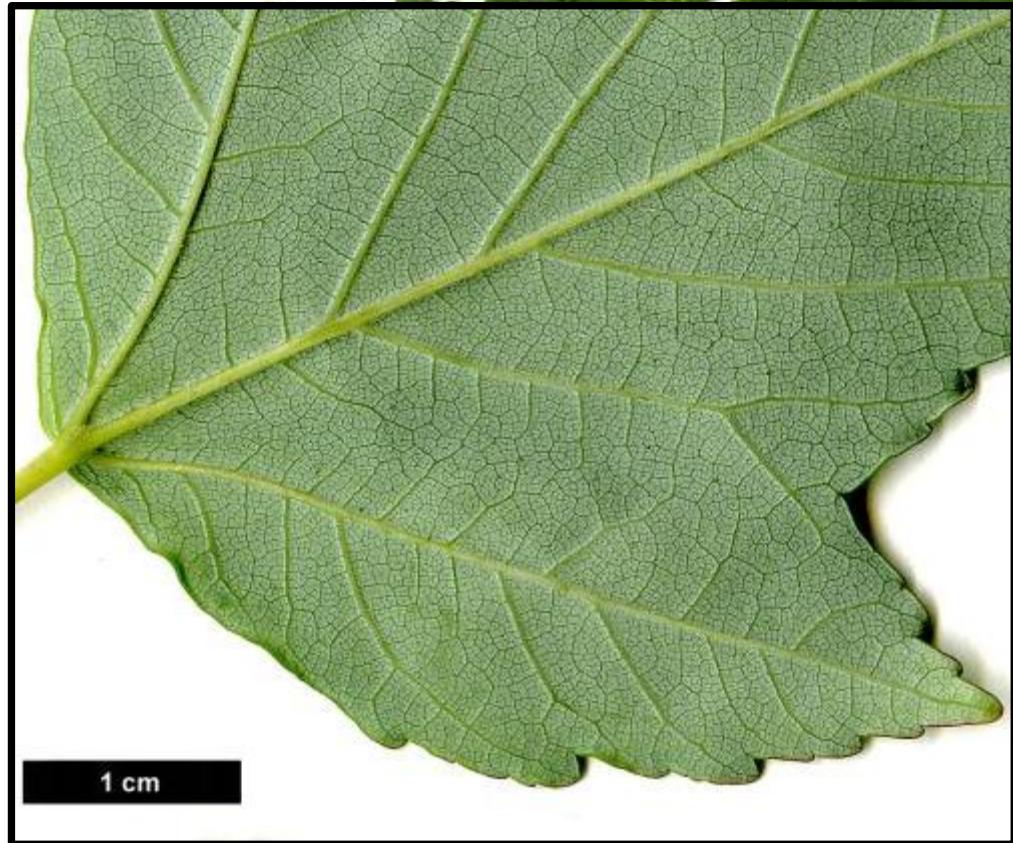
3-  
lobed

Japan

# *A. pycnanthum* (*Rubra*)

Group G

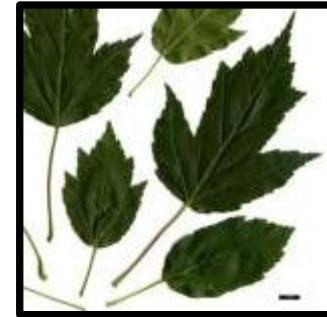
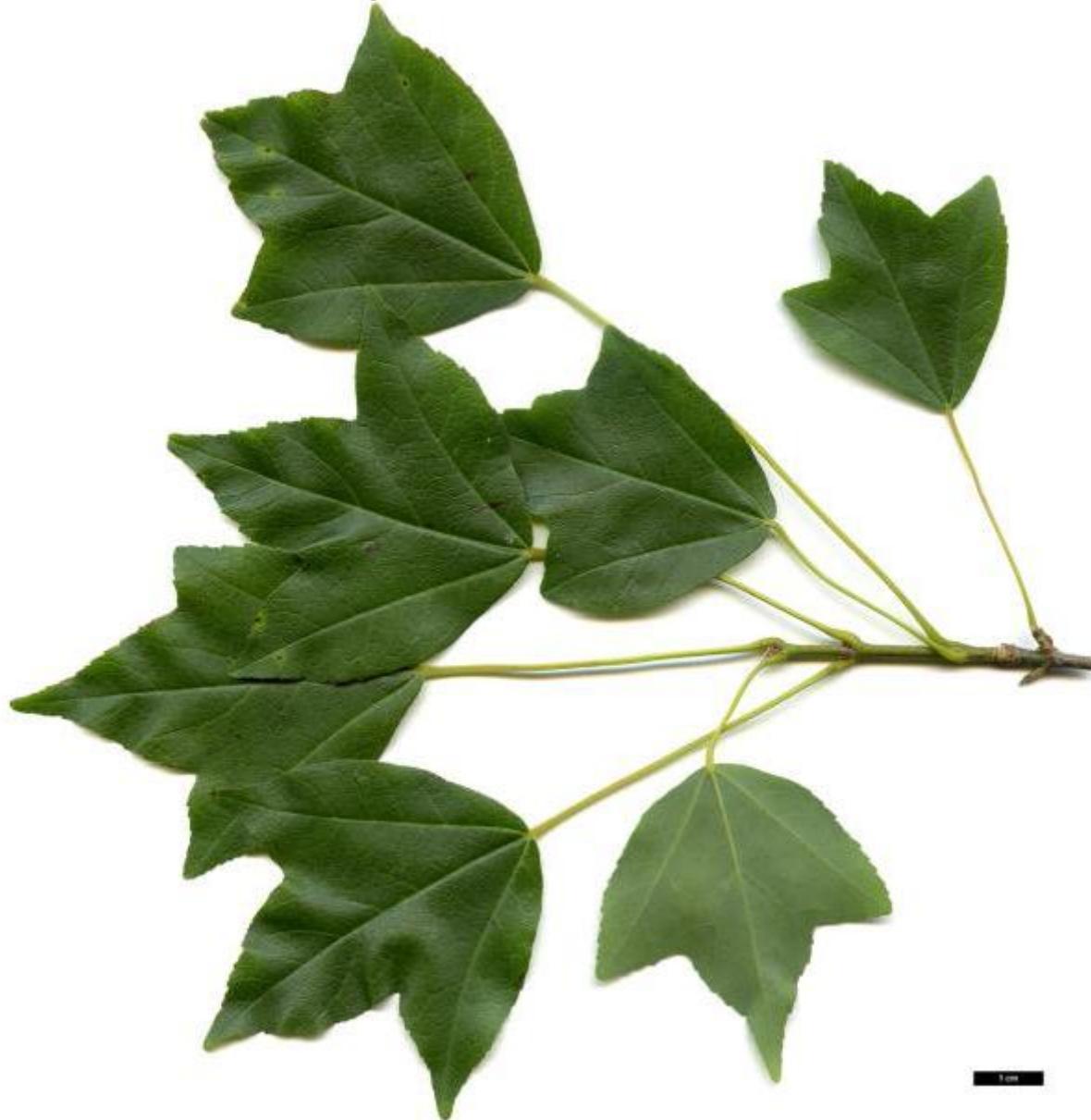
lamina LS greyish green  
margin coarsely serrate  
>5 teeth >1 mm



3-  
lobed

# *A. buergerianum (Oblonga)*

Group G



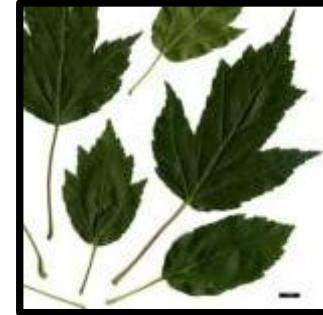
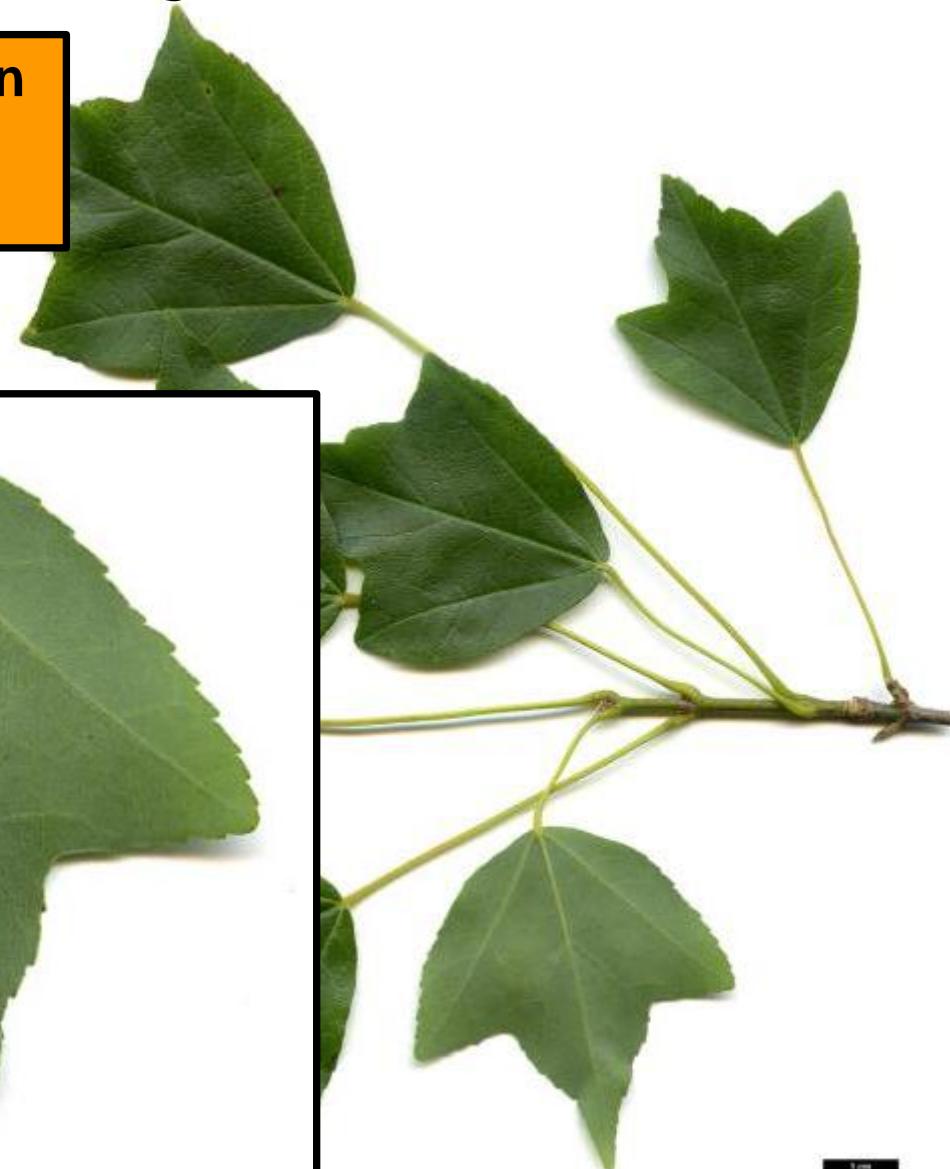
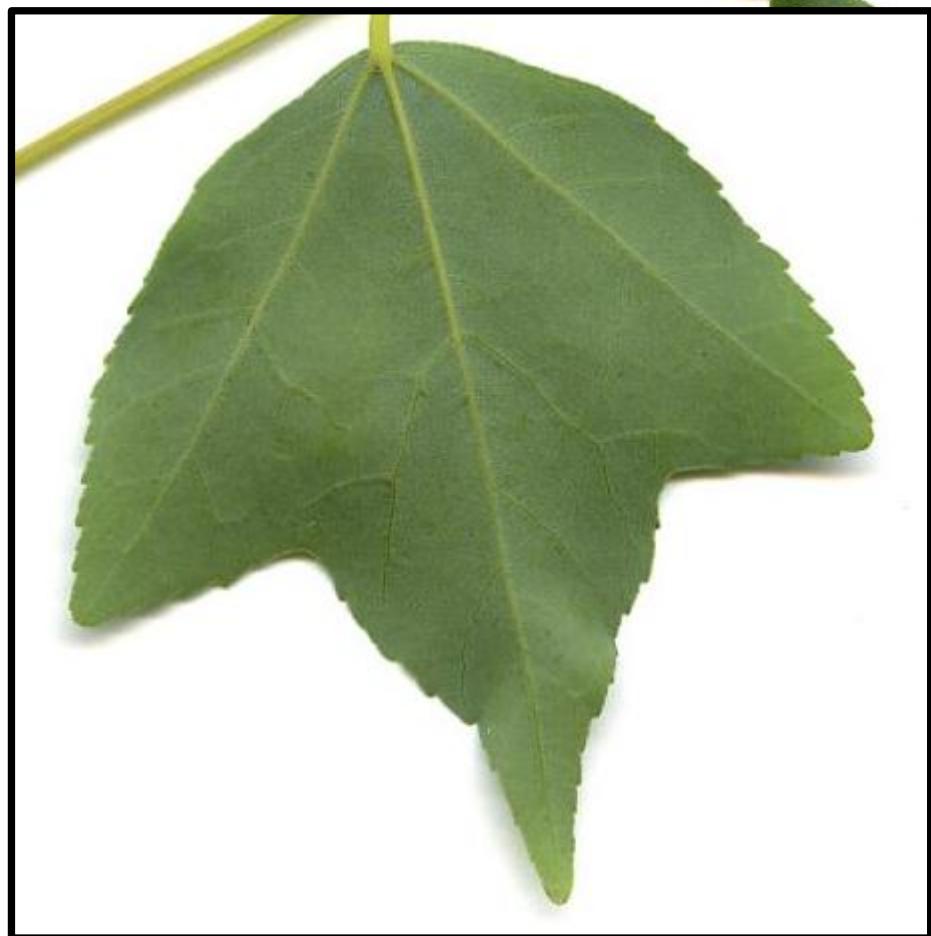
3-  
lobed

SW China, Japan, Taiwan

# *A. buergerianum (Oblonga)*

Group G

lamina LS bluish green  
margin finely serrate  
teeth <1 mm



3-  
lobed

## GROUP H

Lamina 3-5- OR 5-7-lobed.

Terminal lobe predominantly with 6-numerous teeth/side.



# *A. pseudoplatanus* (*Acer*)

Group H



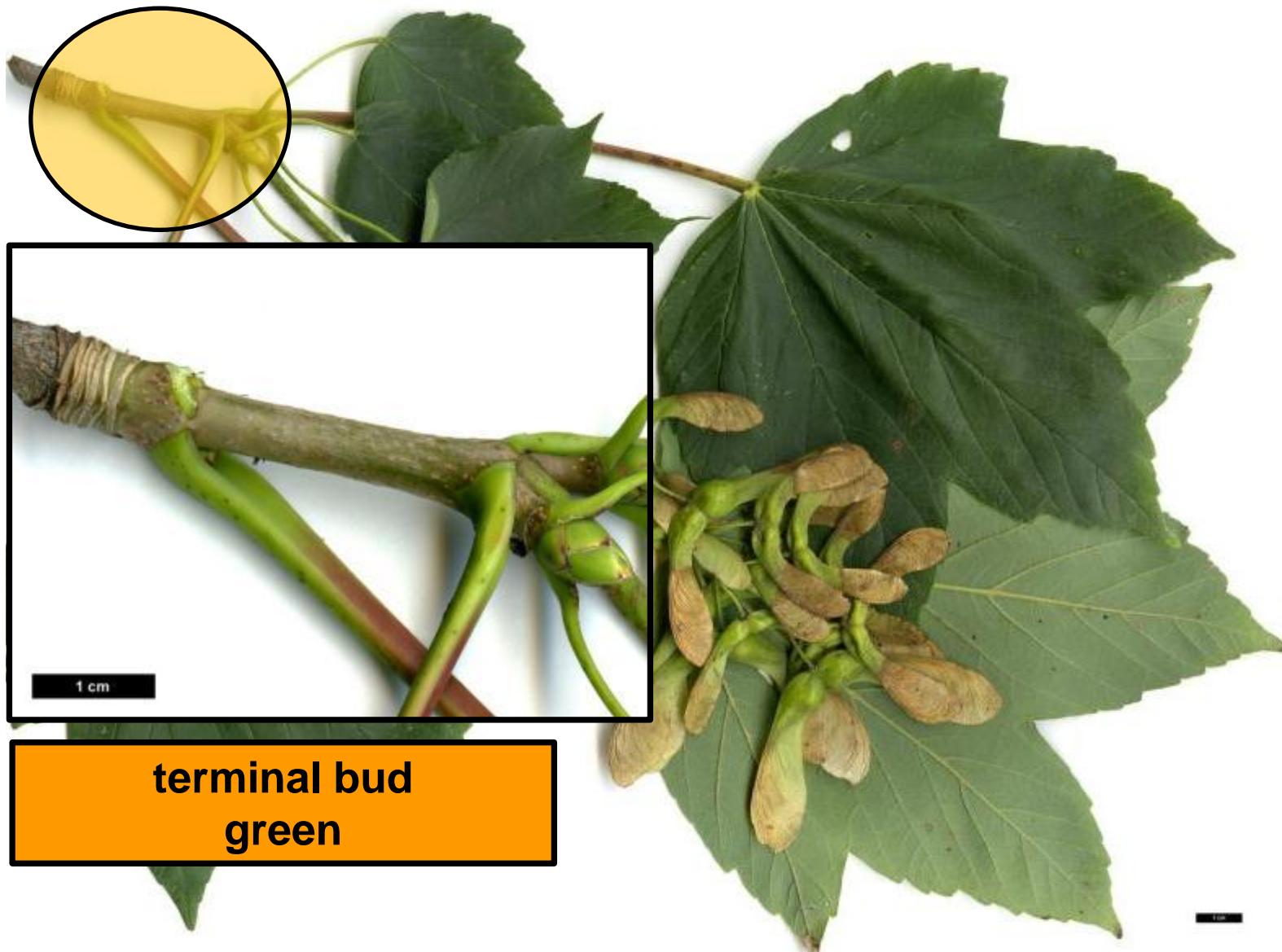
terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side



Europe

# *A. pseudoplatanus* (*Acer*)

Group H



terminal bud  
green



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

Europe

# *A. saccharinum (Rubra)*

Group H

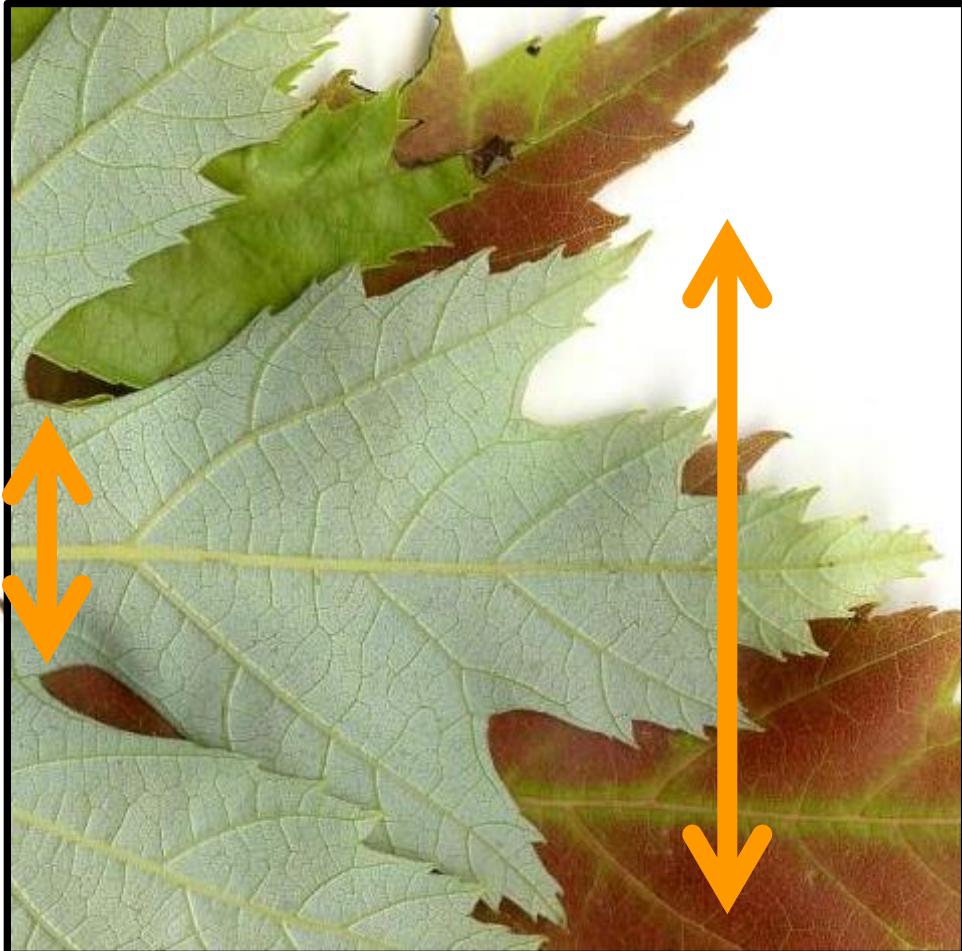


terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

eastern N America

# *A. saccharinum (Rubra)*

Group H



terminal lobe  
largest width  
above base



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side



eastern N America

# *A. saccharinum (Rubra)*

Group H



U-shaped sinus  
terminal/lateral lobe



terminal lobe  
largest width  
above base



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

eastern N America

*A. heldreichii* subsp. *macropterum* (*Acer*)

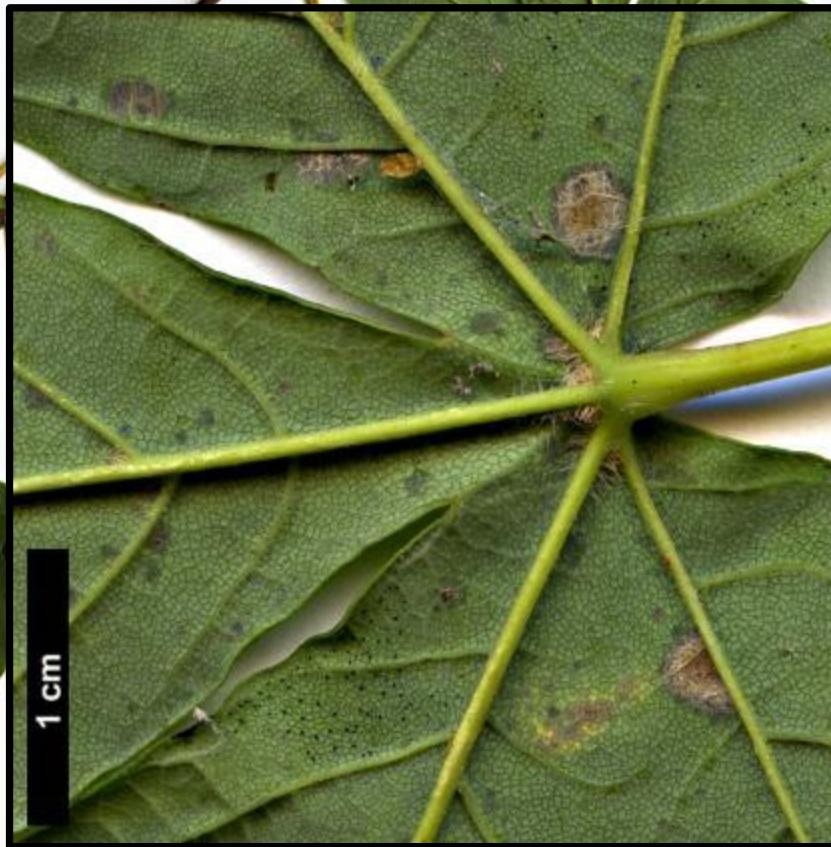
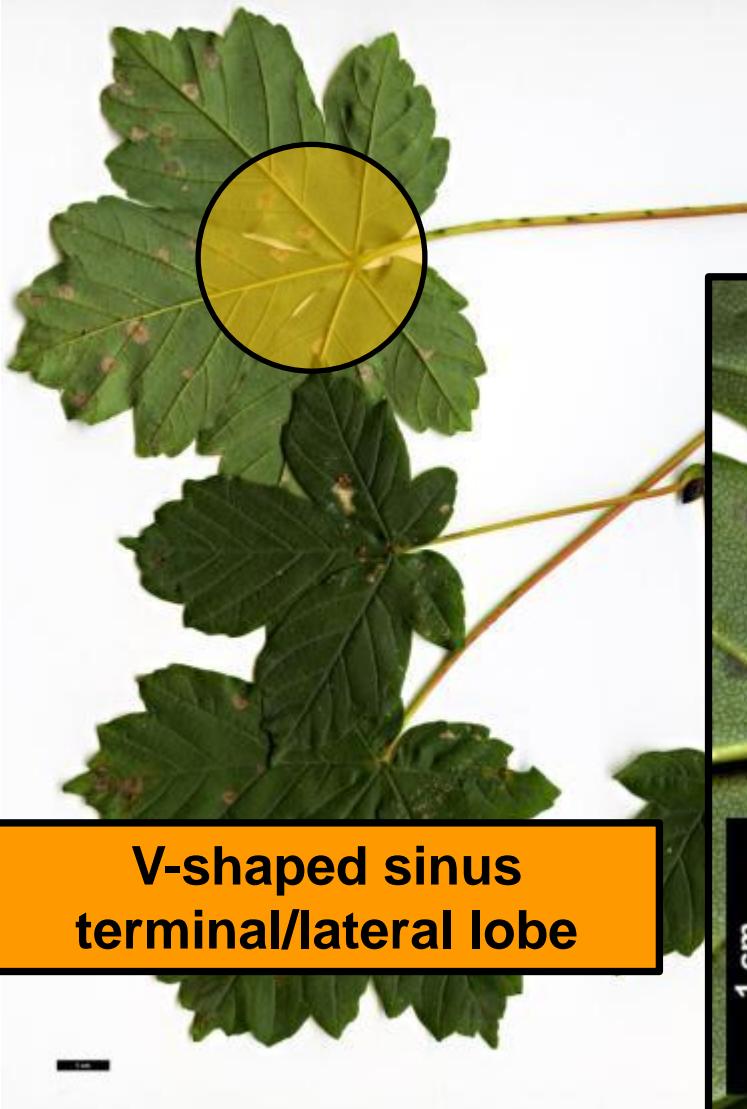
Group H



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

# *A. heldreichii* subsp. *macropterum* (*Acer*)

Group H



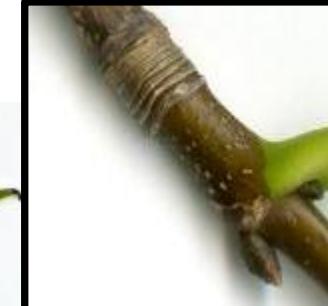
terminal lobe  
largest width  
above base



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

# *A. sterculiaceum* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group H

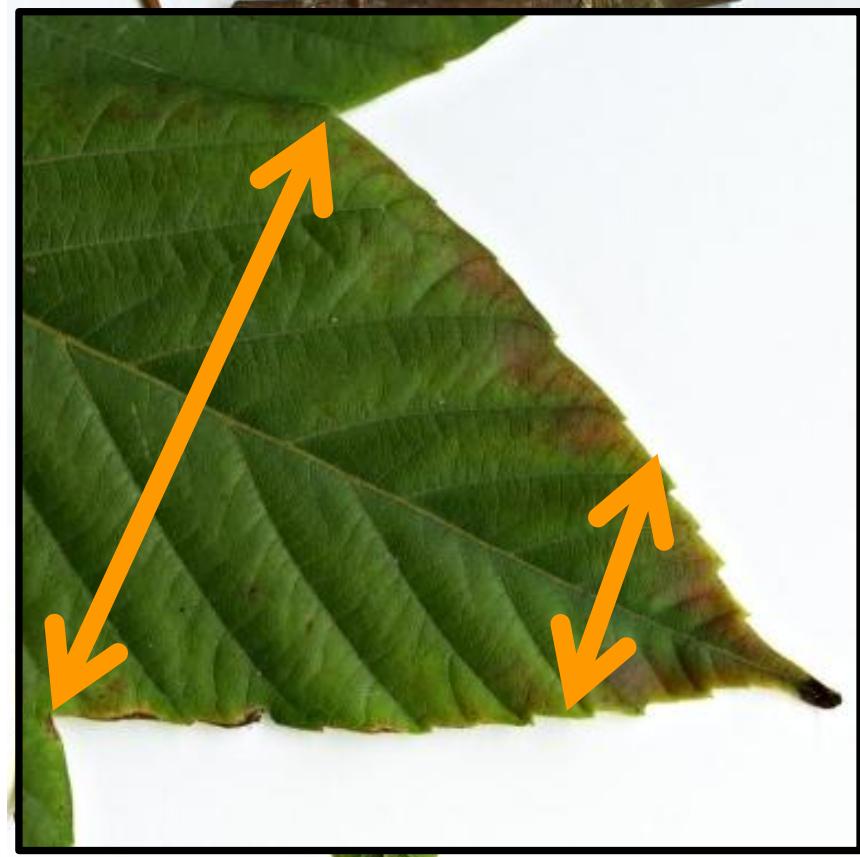


terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

# *A. sterculiaceum* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group H

terminal lobe  
largest width  
at base

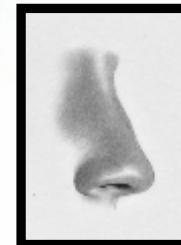
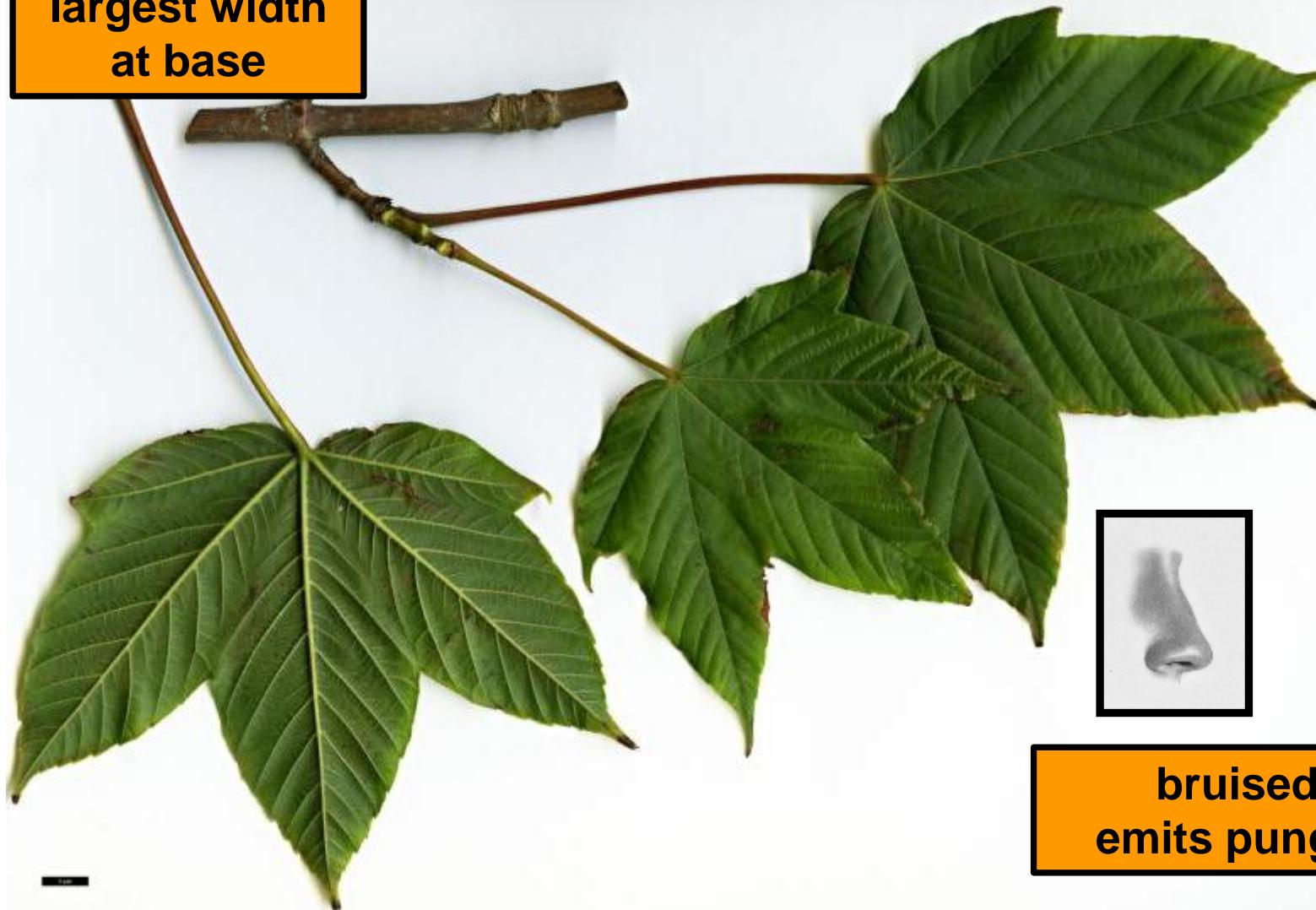


terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

# *A. sterculiaceum* (*Lithocarpa*)

Group H

terminal lobe  
largest width  
at base



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

bruised lamina  
emits pungent scent

# *A. caesium* subsp. *giraldii* (*Acer*)

Group H

terminal lobe  
largest width  
at base



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side



China, N India, Nepal, Pakistan

# *A. caesium* subsp. *giraldii* (*Acer*)

Group H

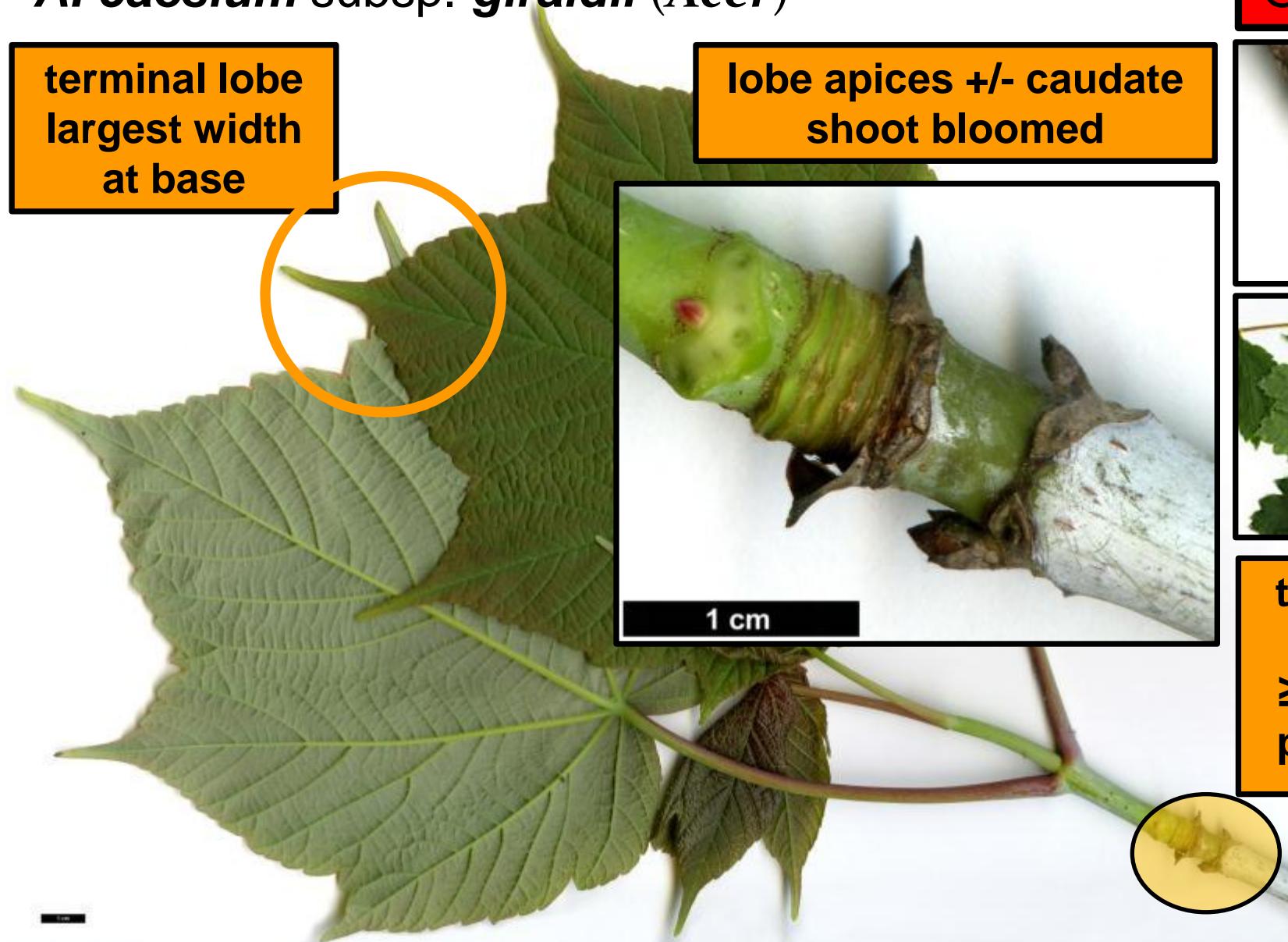
terminal lobe  
largest width  
at base

lobe apices +/- caudate  
shoot bloomed



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

1 cm



China, N India, Nepal, Pakistan

# *A. velutinum* (*Acer*)

Group H



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

# *A. velutinum* (*Acer*)

Group H

terminal lobe  
largest width  
+/- at base

bud brownish  
lamina Ø 15-30 cm



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

# *A. rubrum* (*Rubra*)

Group H

terminal lobe  
largest width  
+/- at base

bud green/red  
lamina <15 cm



terminal  
lobe  
 $\geq 6$  teeth  
per side

eastern N America

## GROUP I

Lamina 3-5- OR 5-7-lobed.

Terminal lobe predominantly with few: 0-6 teeth/side.



# *A. heldreichii* subsp. *heldreichii* (*Acer*)

Group I

terminal lobe slender



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

# *A. saccharum* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices acuminate  
midvein length >10 cm



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side



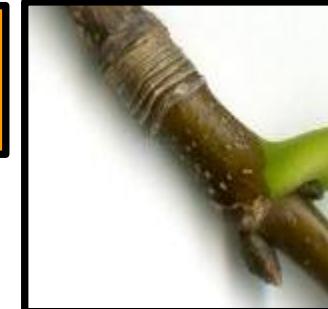
5 mm

Canada, Mexico, USA

# *A. nigrum* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices acuminate  
midvein length >10 cm



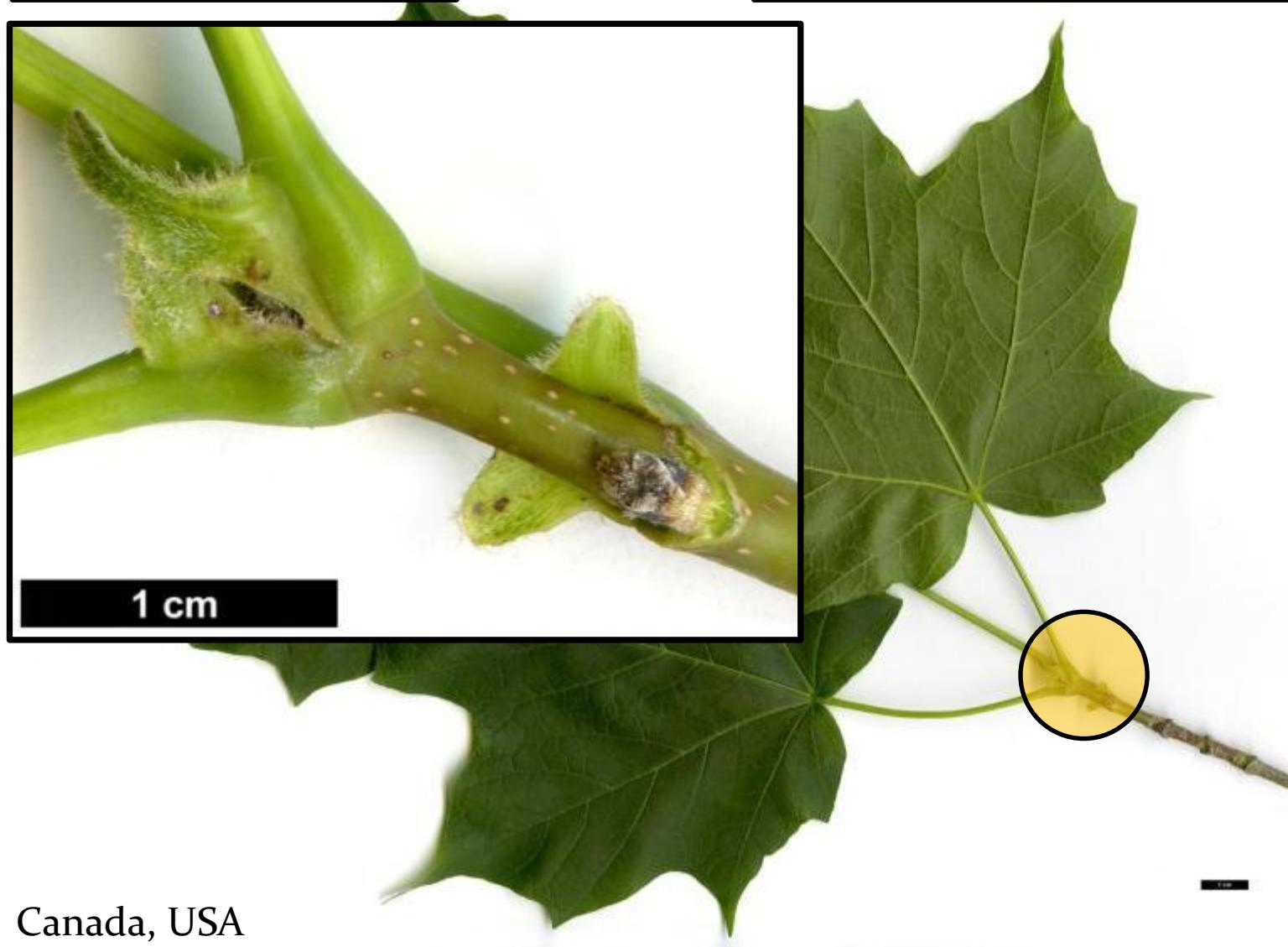
terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

# *A. nigrum* (*Acer*)

Group I

petiole base  
stipulate

lobe apices acuminate  
midvein length >10 cm



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

# *A. skutchii* (*Acer*)

Group I



lobe apices acuminate  
midvein length >10 cm



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

# *A. skutchii* (*Acer*)

Group I

petiole thick  
+ pubescent

lobe apices acuminate  
midvein length >10 cm

1 cm

terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side



# *A. granatense* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices  
obtuse to acute



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

# *A. granatense* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices  
obtuse to acute

petiole  $\geq$  midvein length  
T-lobe  $\geq 1/2$  midvein length

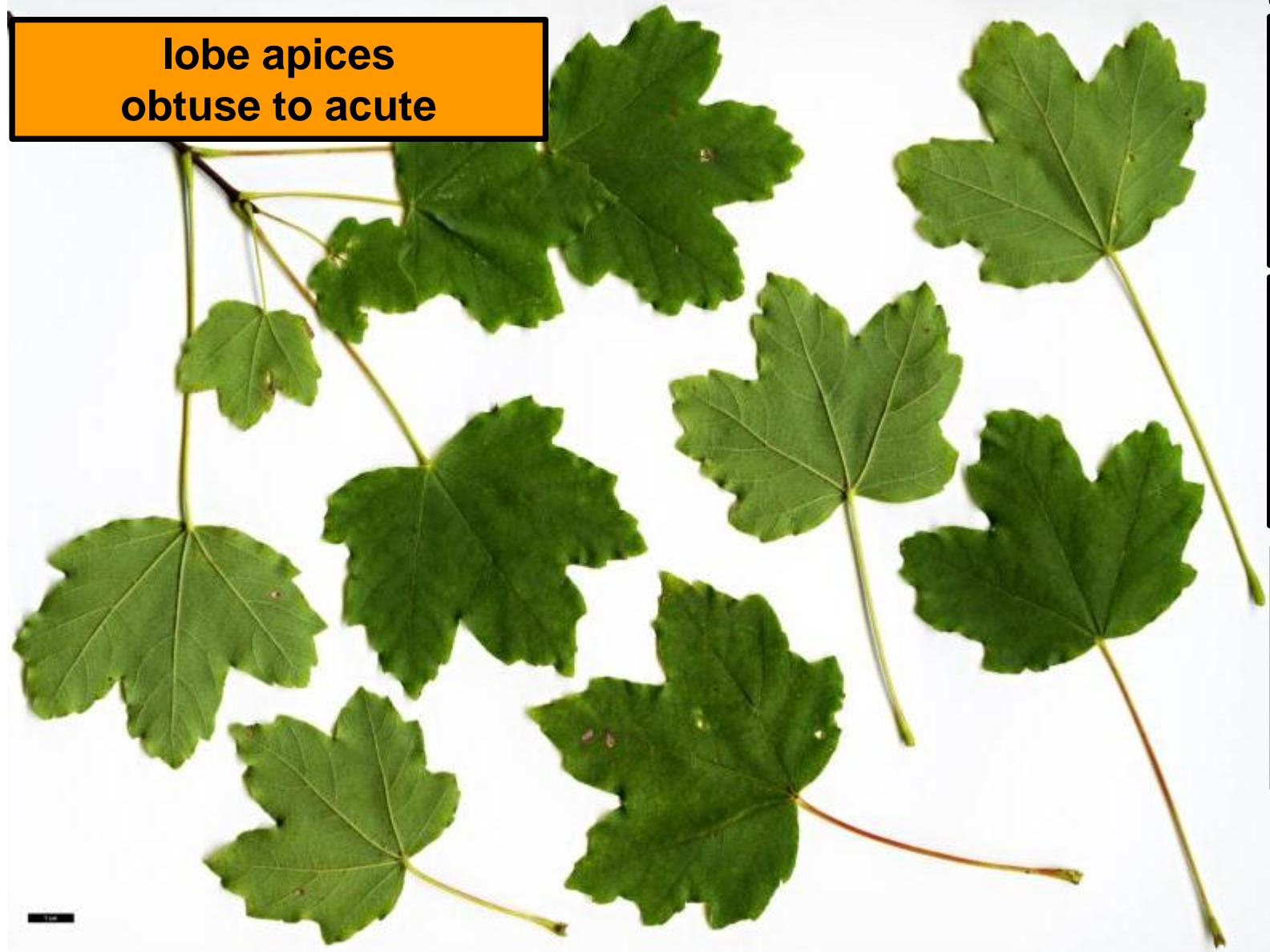


terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

# *A. hyrcanum* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices  
obtuse to acute



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

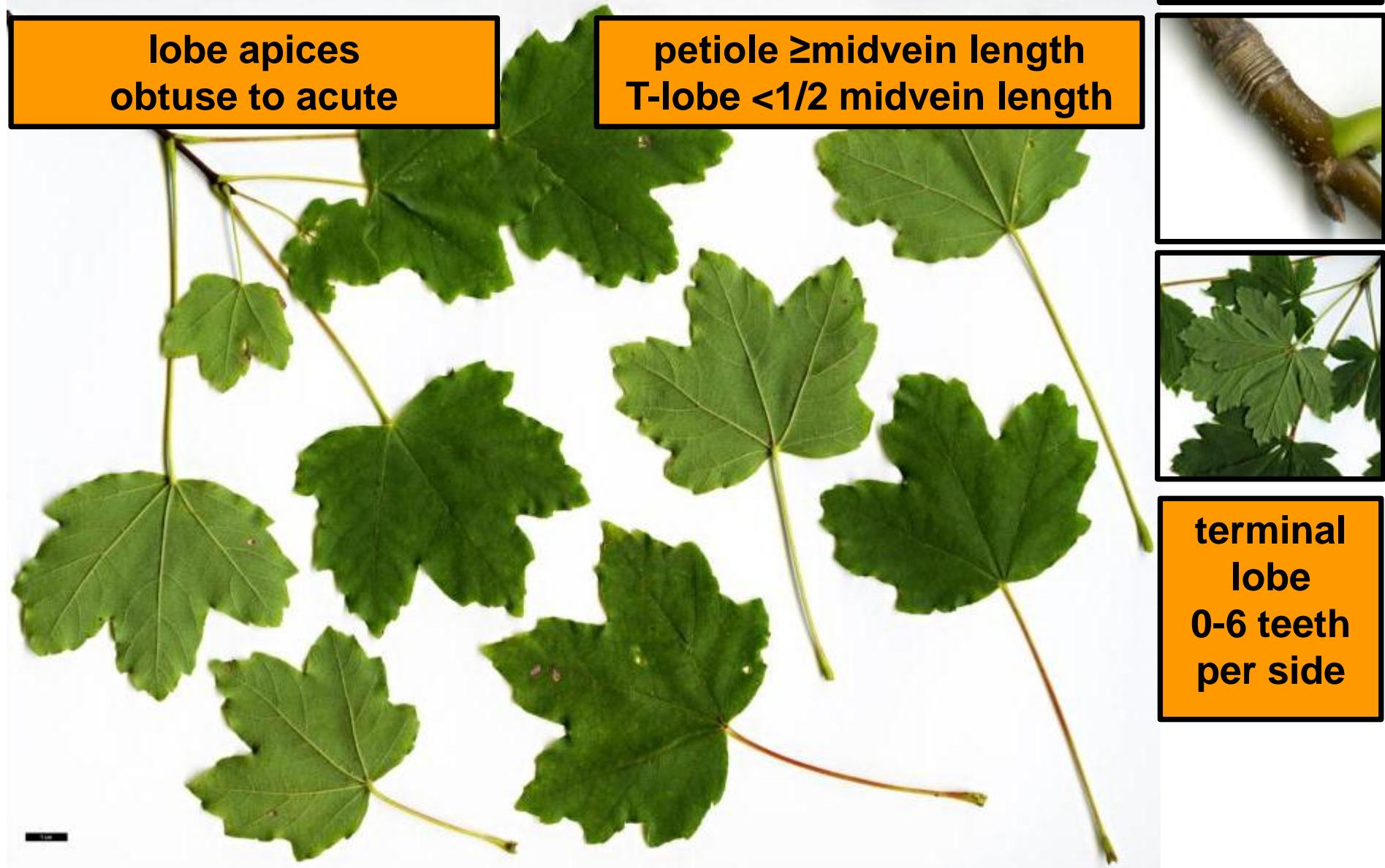


# *A. hyrcanum* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices  
obtuse to acute

petiole  $\geq$  midvein length  
T-lobe  $< 1/2$  midvein length



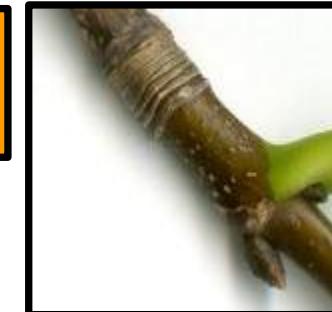
terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

# *A. opalus* subsp. *obtusatum* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices  
obtuse to acute

petiole < midvein length  
T-lobe < 1/2 midvein length



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side



—

C and E Europe

# *A. grandidentatum* (*Acer*)

Group I

lobe apices +/- acute  
lamina LS greyish

petiole predominantly  
<midvein length



terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side

USA (Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Montana)

# **A. leucoderme (Acer)**

**Group I**

**T-lobe acuminate/caudate  
lamina LS green**

**petiole predominantly  
<midvein length**



**terminal  
lobe  
0-6 teeth  
per side**



**USA (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, N and S Carolina)**

**Shoot at base with 2-4 pairs of bud scale scars (10 $\times$  LENS).**

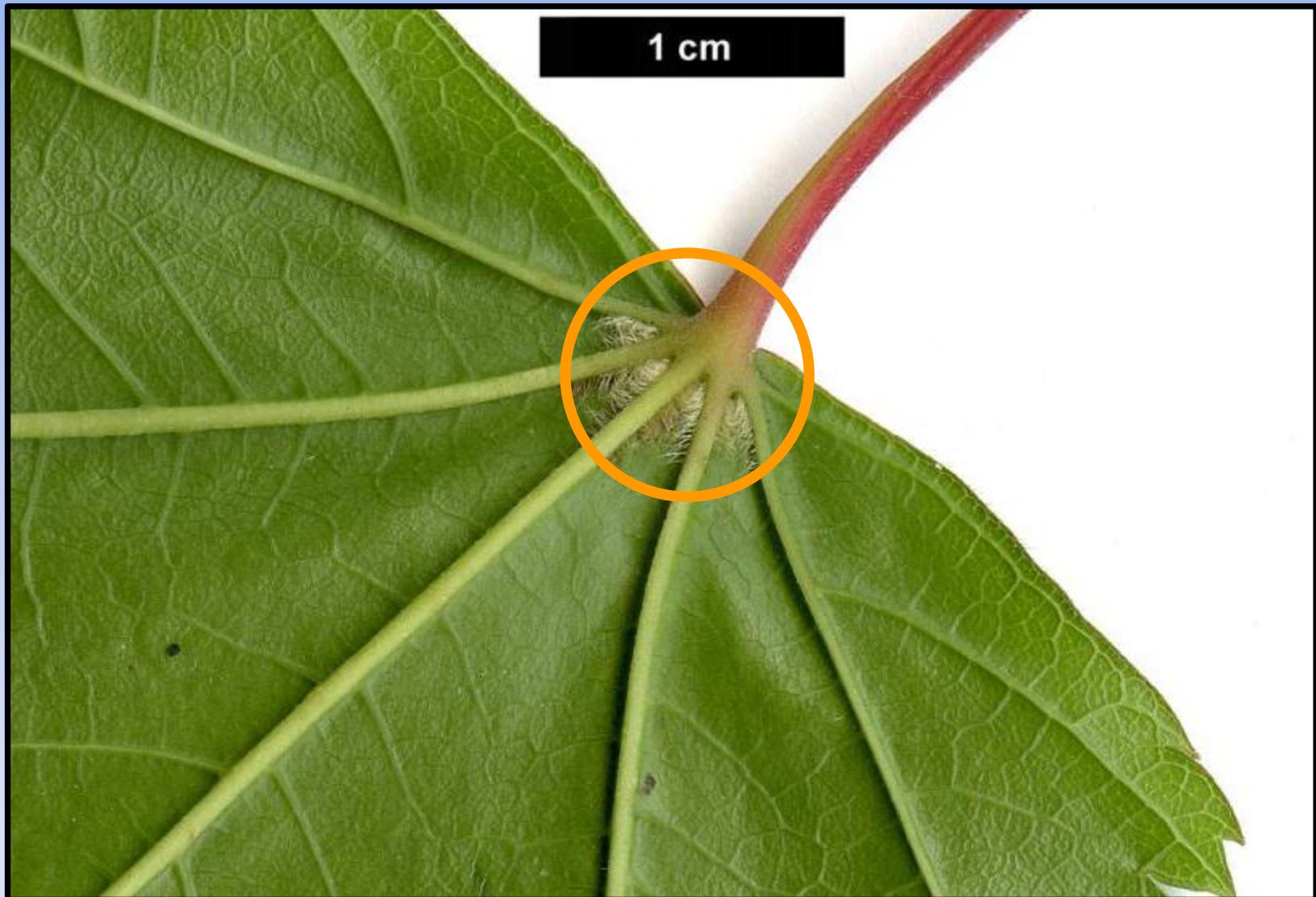


**Bud stipitate (10× LENS).**



## GROUP J

Lamina LS basal vein axils without membranous pockets.



# *A. distylum (Parviflora)*

Group J

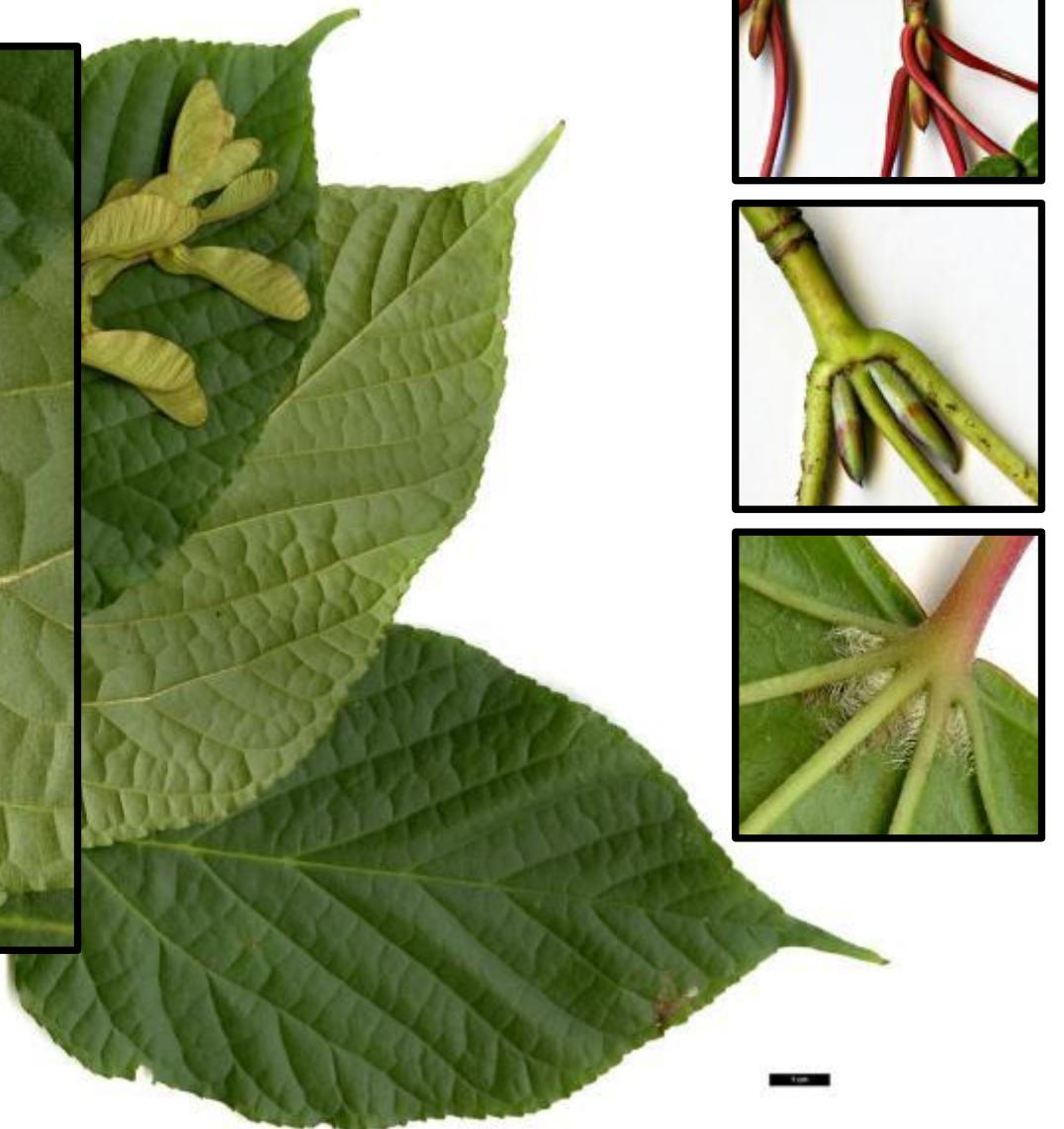


Japan

# *A. distylum* (*Parviflora*)

Group J

lamina unlobed  
base cordate



Japan

# *A. stachyophyllum* (Arguta)

Group J

**lamina shallowly lobed  
base truncate/rounded**



W Hubei, Sichuan, S and SE Xizang, NW Yunnan, Bhutan, N India, Myanmar, Nepal

# *A. glabrum (Glabra)*

Group J



western N America

# *A. glabrum (Glabra)*

Group J

lamina  
LS glabrous



# *A. spicatum (Spicata)*

Group J

terminal lobe  
coarsely serrate/dentate



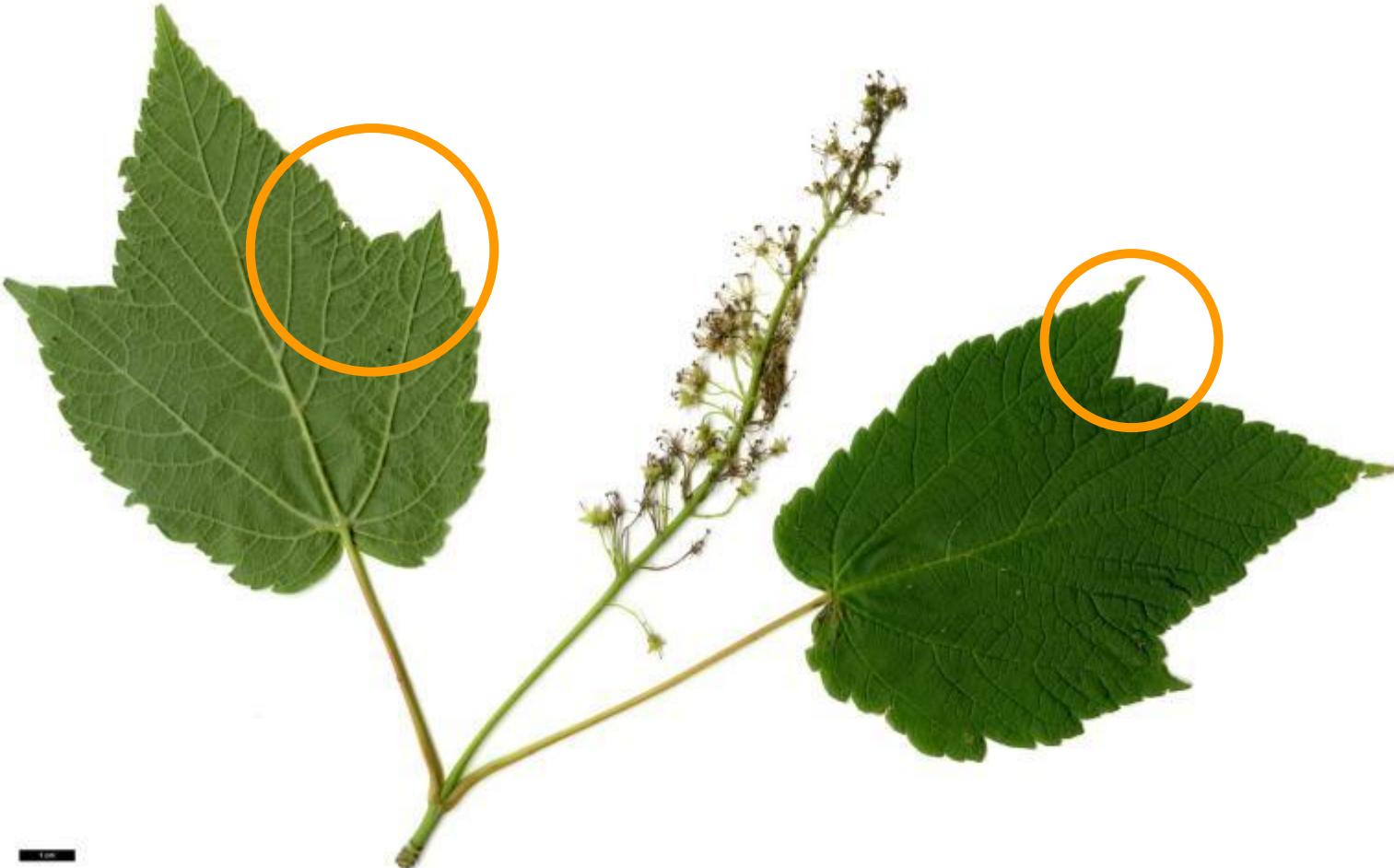
eastern USA, Canada

# *A. spicatum (Spicata)*

Group J

terminal lobe  
coarsely serrate/dentate

T-lobe base wide  
sinus wide



eastern USA, Canada

# *A. ukurunduense* (*Spicata*)

Group J

terminal lobe  
coarsely serrate/dentate



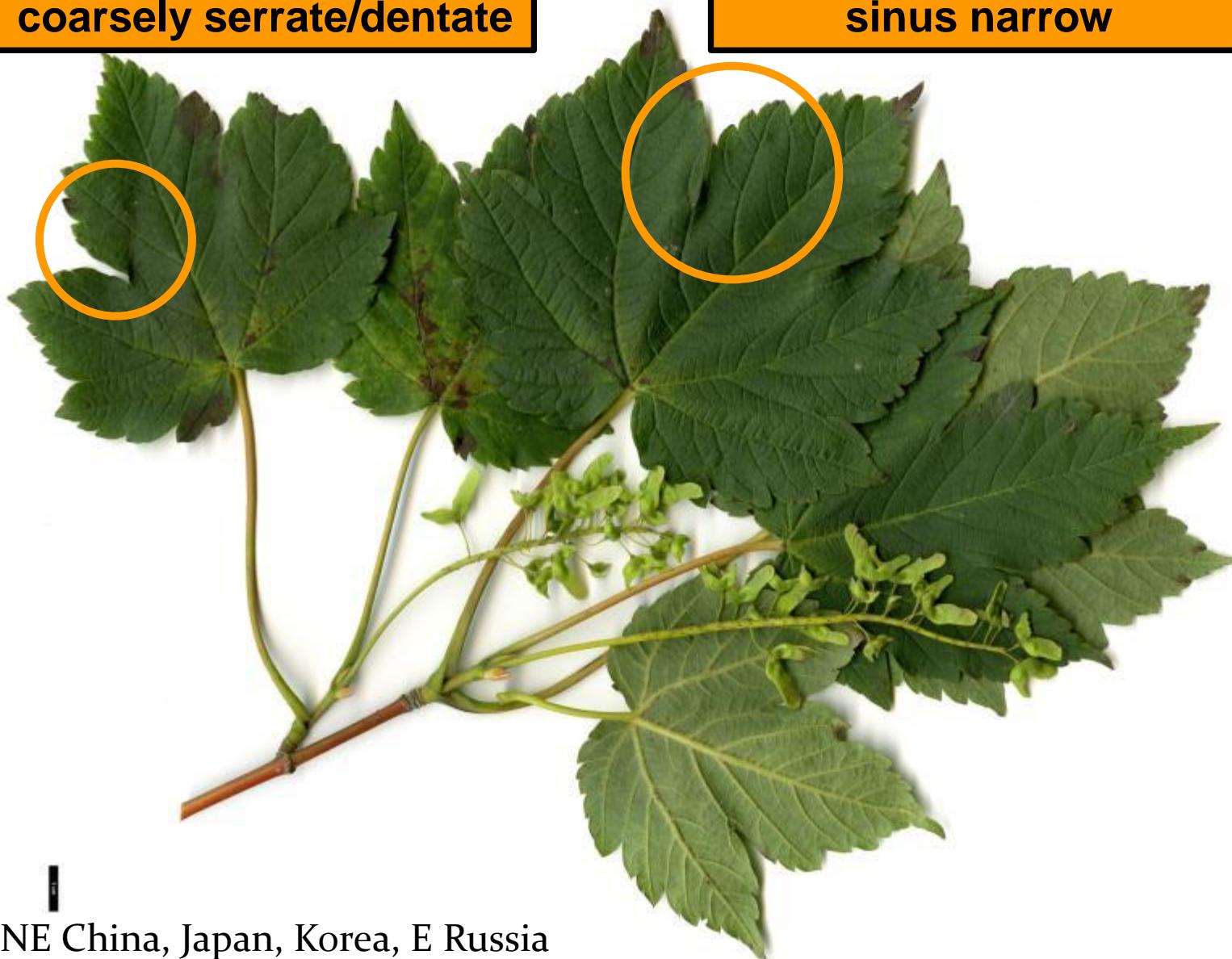
NE China, Japan, Korea, E Russia

# **A. ukurunduense (*Spicata*)**

Group J

terminal lobe  
coarsely serrate/dentate

T-lobe base narrow  
sinus narrow



NE China, Japan, Korea, E Russia

# *A. barbinerve* (*Arguta*)

Group J

terminal lobe  
coarsely serrate/dentate

+/- similar but  
midvein length <10 cm



NE China, N Korea, E Russia

# *A. nipponicum* (*Parviflora*)

Group J



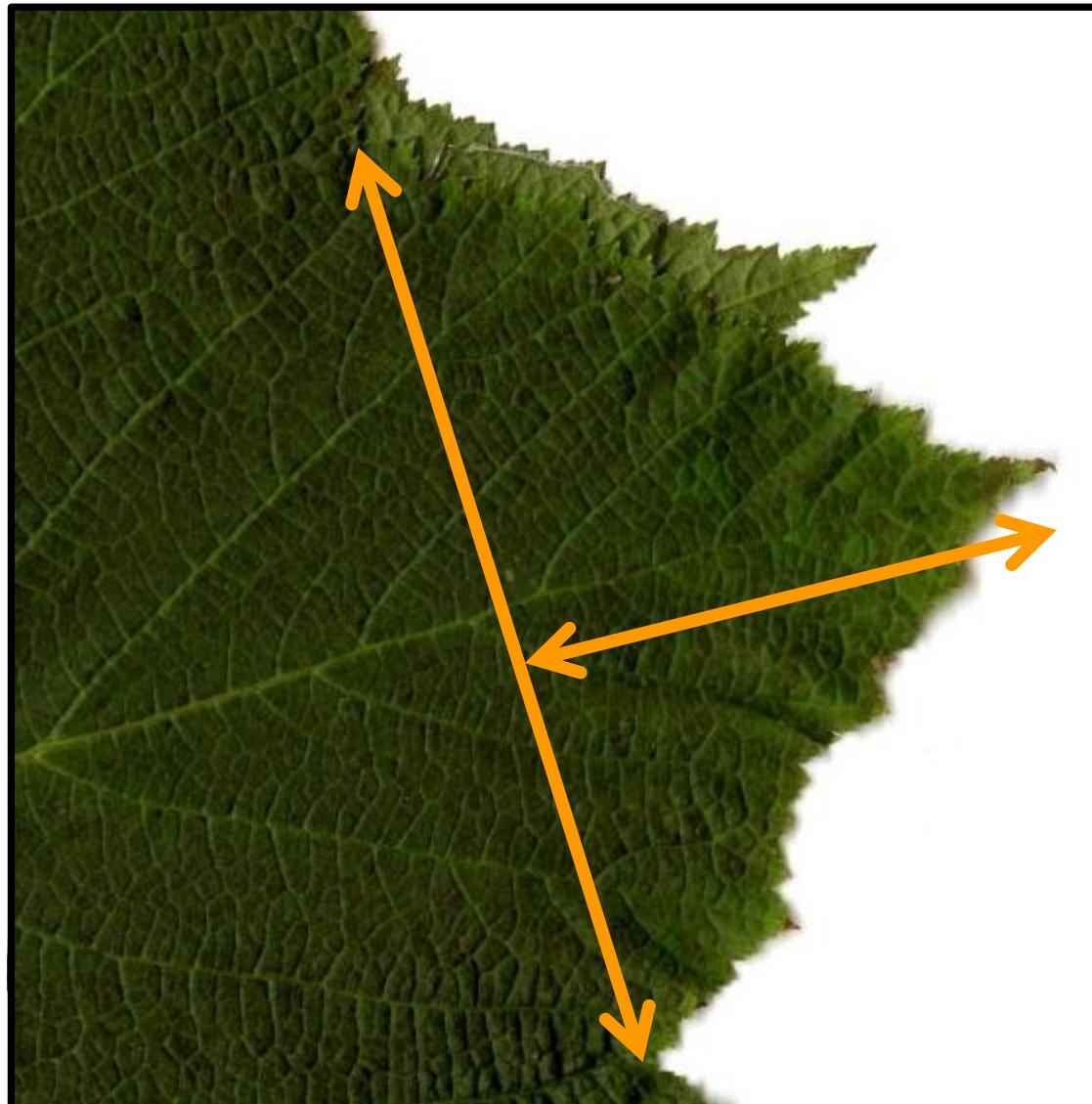
Japan

# *A. nipponicum* (*Parviflora*)

Group J

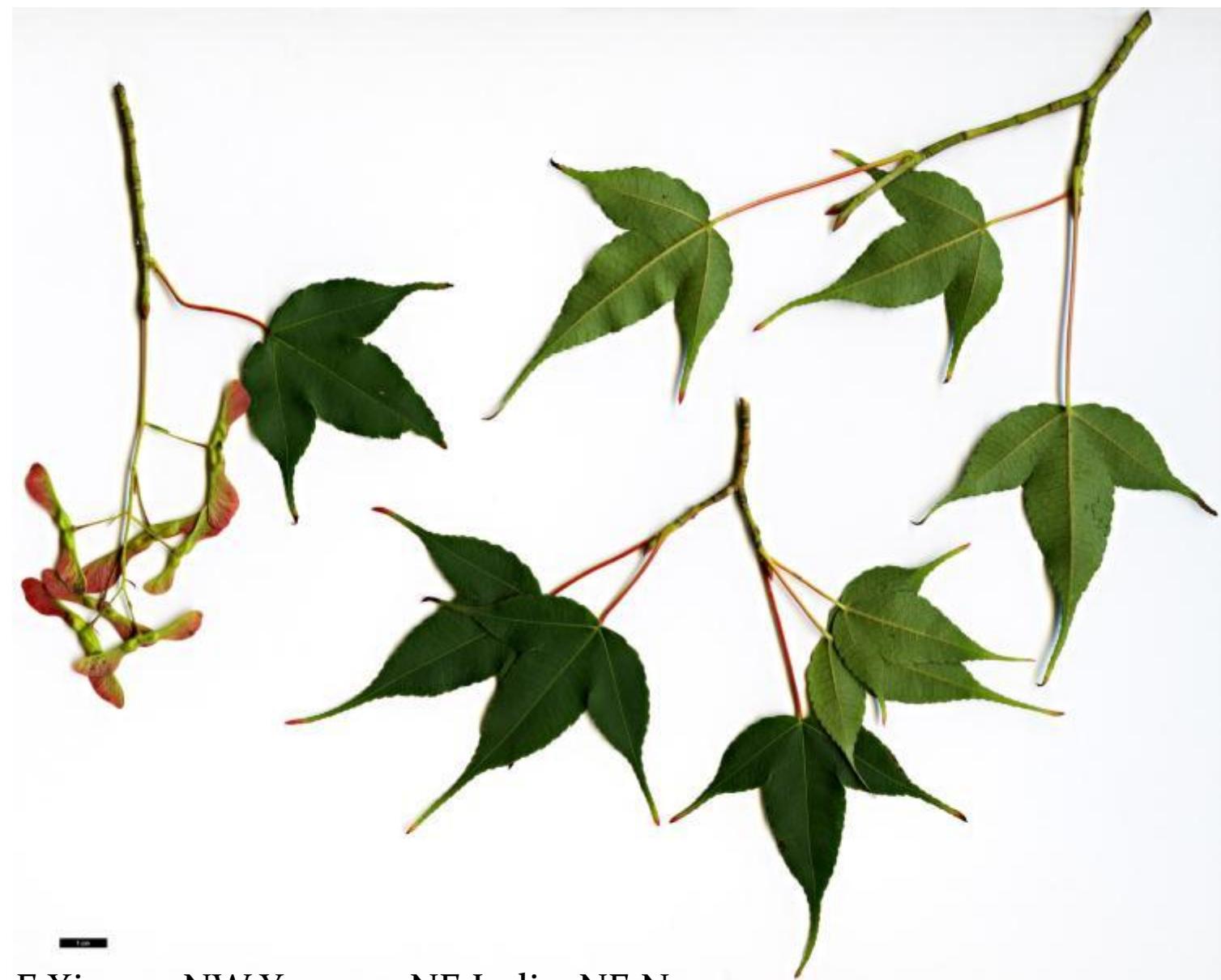
terminal lobe  
finely serrate/dentate

terminal lobe  
wider than long



# *A. wardii* (*Wardiana*)

Group J



E Xizang, NW Yunnan, NE India, NE Nyanmar

# *A. wardii* (*Wardiana*)

Group J

terminal lobe  
finely serrate/dentate

terminal lobe  
longer than wide

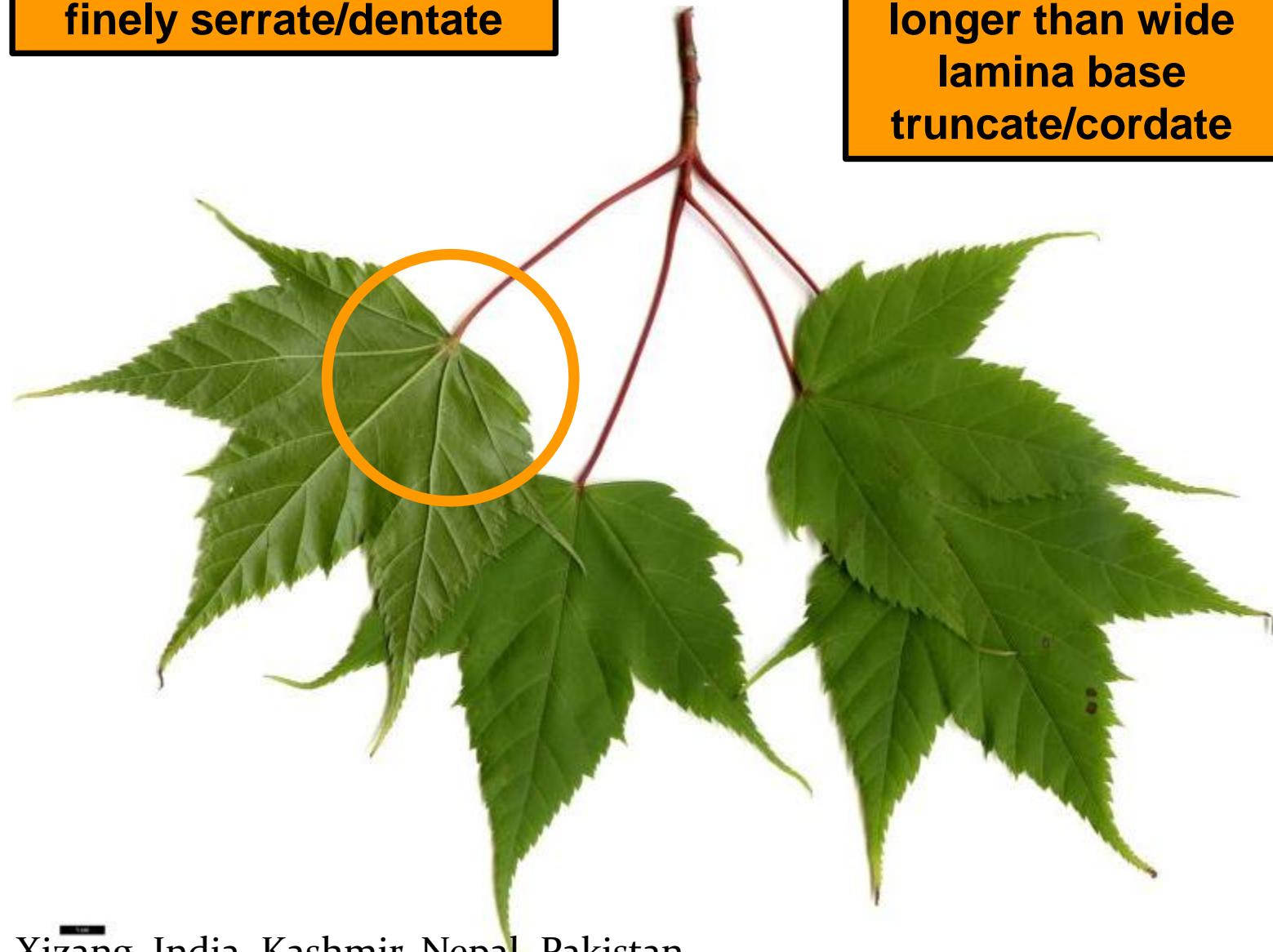


# *A. acuminatum* (*Arguta*)

Group J

terminal lobe  
finely serrate/dentate

terminal lobe  
longer than wide  
lamina base  
truncate/cordate

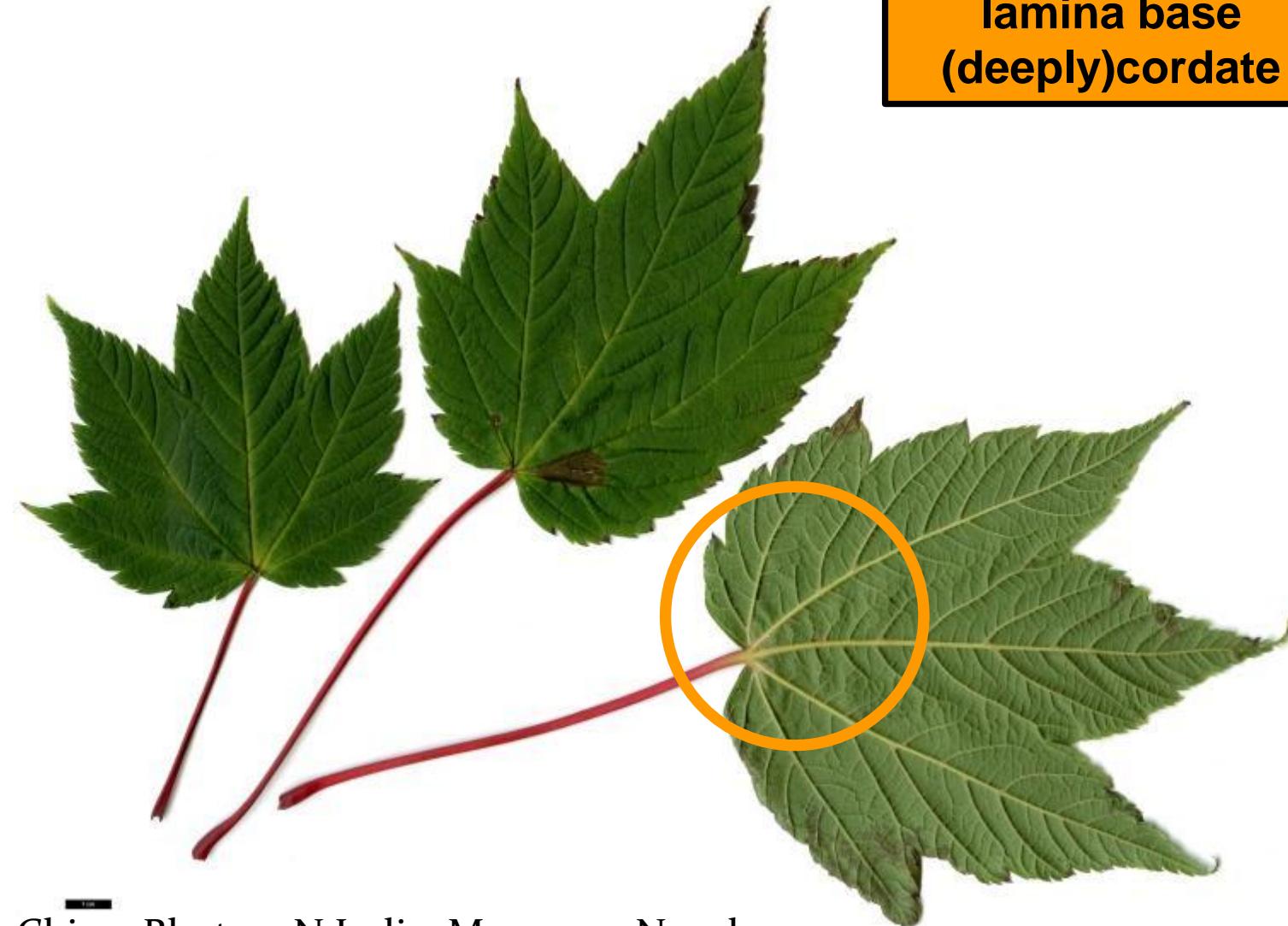


# *A. caudatum (Spicata)*

Group J

terminal lobe  
finely serrate/dentate

terminal lobe  
longer than wide  
lamina base  
(deeply)cordate



China, Bhutan, N India, Myanmar, Nepal

# *A. argutum* (*Arguta*)

Group J

terminal lobe  
finely serrate/dentate

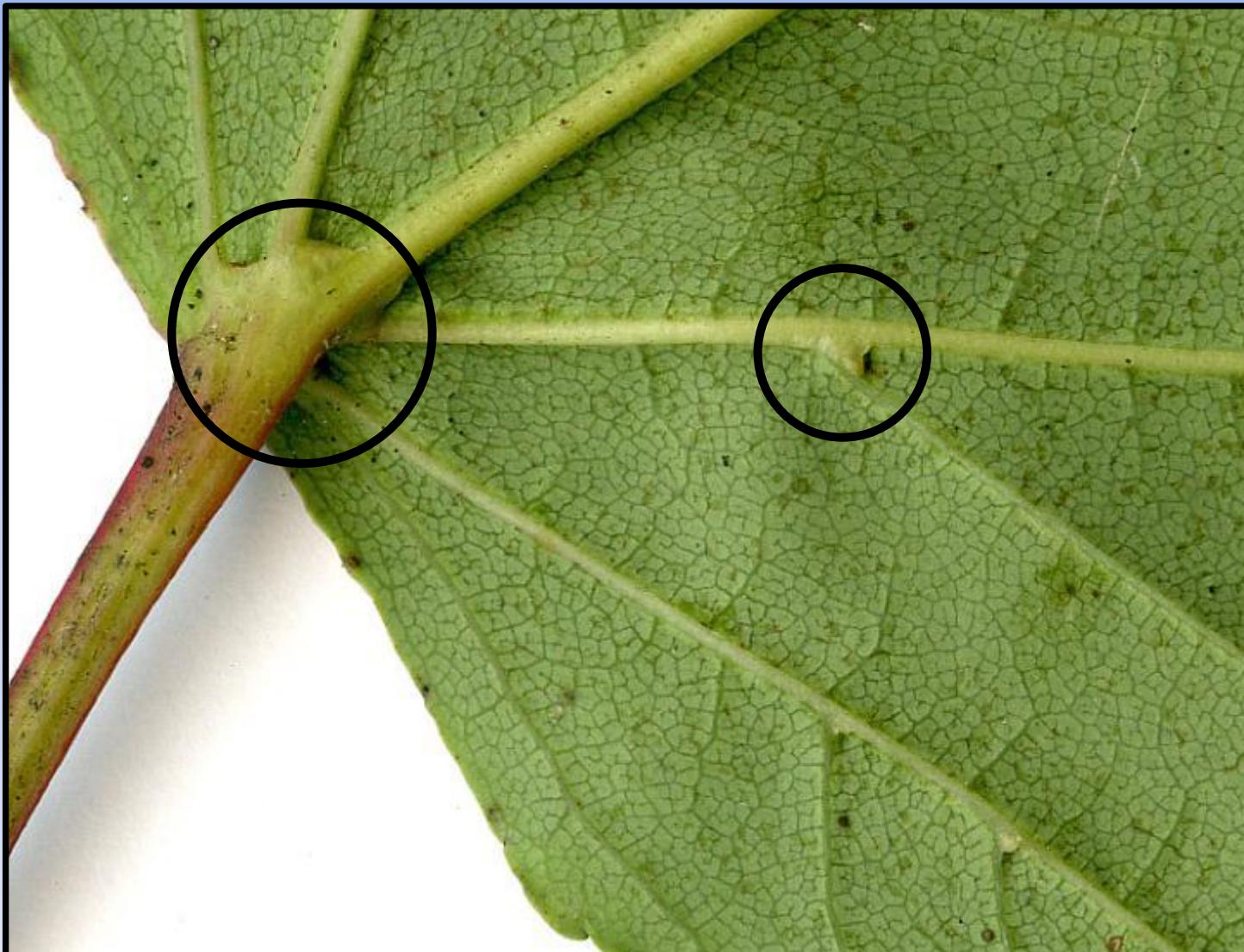


terminal lobe  
longer than wide  
lamina base  
(deeply)cordate



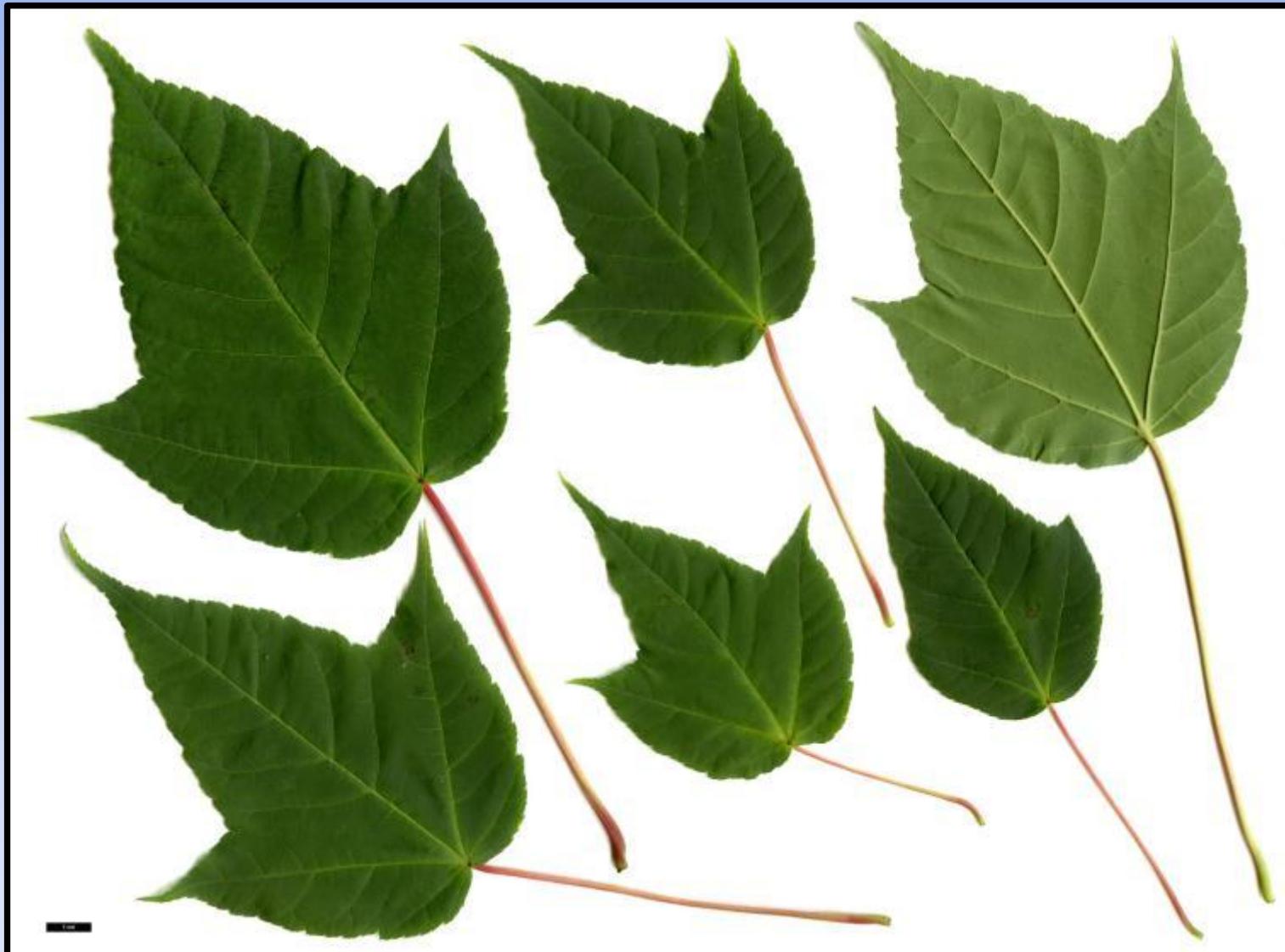
Japan

## Lamina LS vein axils with membranous pockets.



## GROUP K

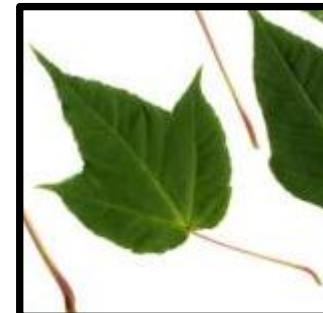
Lamina LS vein axils with membranous pockets.  
Lamina predominantly unlobed or unlobed to 3-lobed.



# *A. chienii (Macrantha)*

Group K

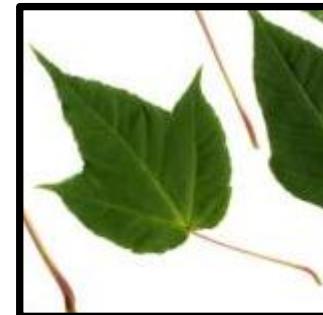
lamina 3-lobed  
+/- from apical half



NW Yunnan

# *A. sikkimense* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

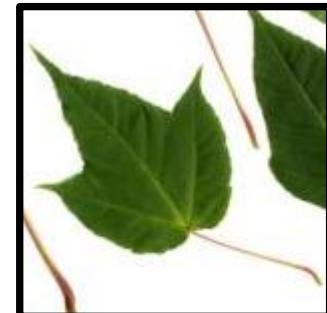
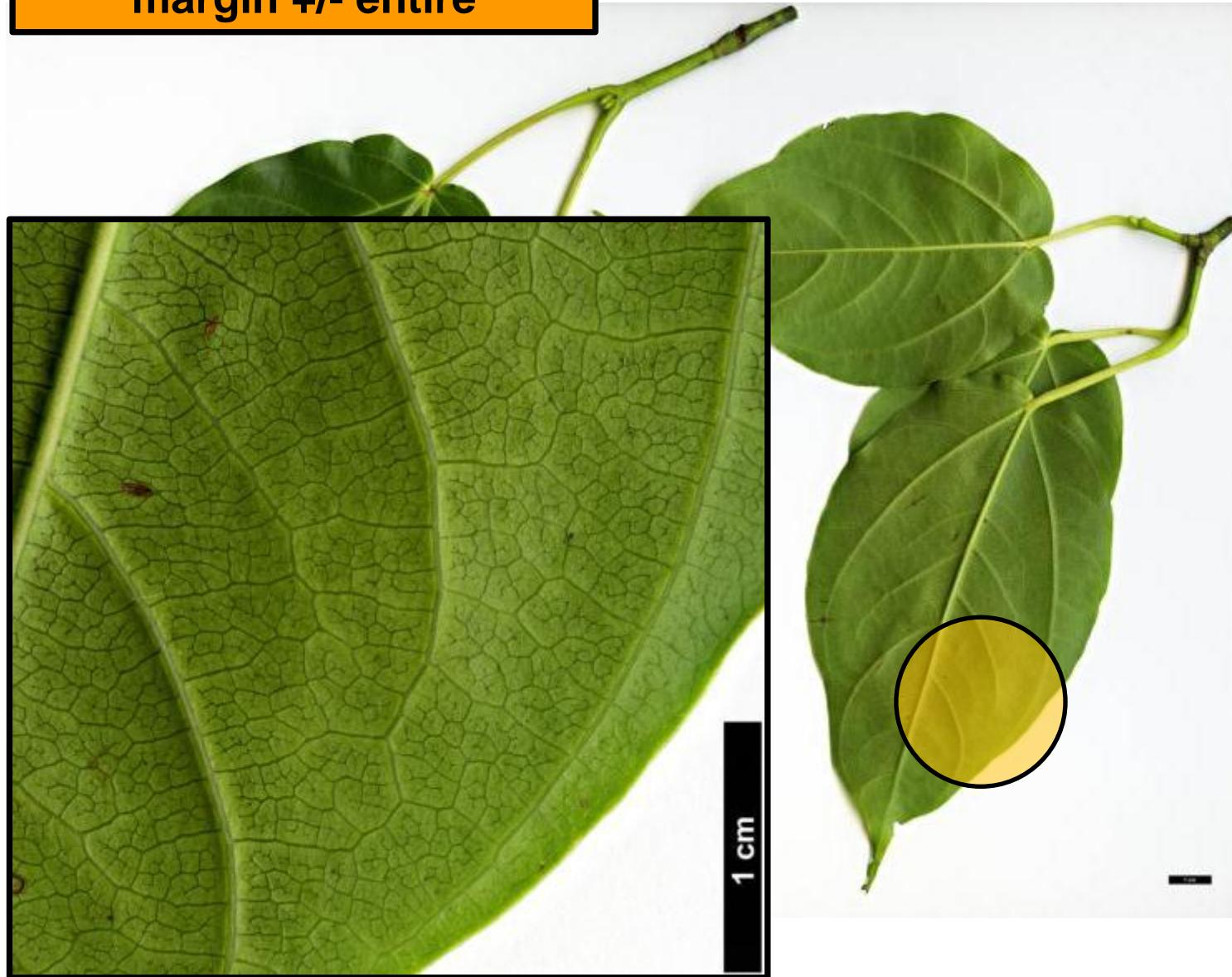


SE Xizang, Yunnan, Bhutan, N India, N Myanmar, Nepal

# *A. sikkimense* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

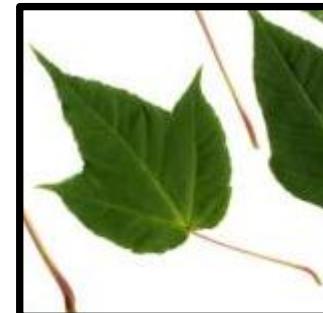
lamina unlobed  
margin +/- entire



# *A. laxiflorum* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

lamina L/W ratio +/- 2/1  
unlobed to +/- 3-lobed



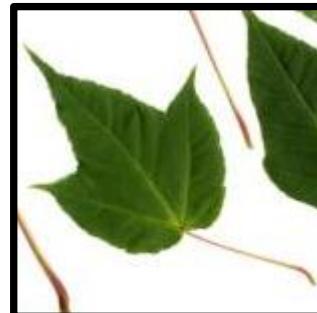
Sichuan, Yunnan

# *A. laxiflorum* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

lamina L/W ratio +/- 2/1  
unlobed (to +/- 3-lobed)

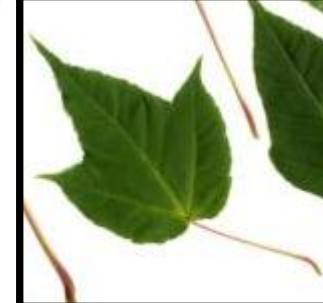
lamina 7-14 × 4-8 cm  
petiole red



# *A. caudatifolium* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

**lamina L/W ratio +/- 2/1  
unlobed (to +/- 3-lobed)**



Taiwan

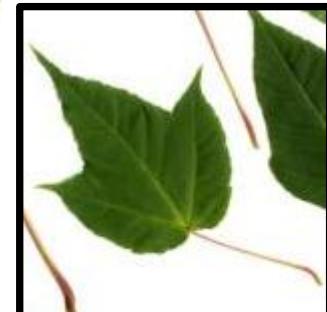


# *A. caudatifolium* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

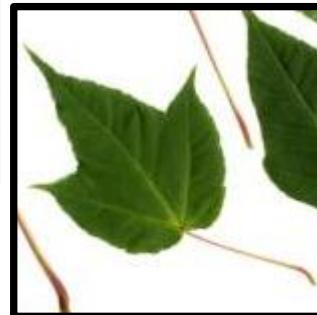
lamina L/W ratio +/- 2/1  
unlobed (to +/- 3-lobed)

lamina  $10 \times 4$  cm  
petiole green



# *A. forrestii* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

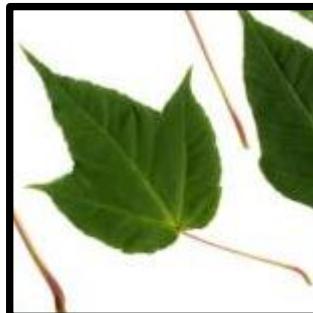
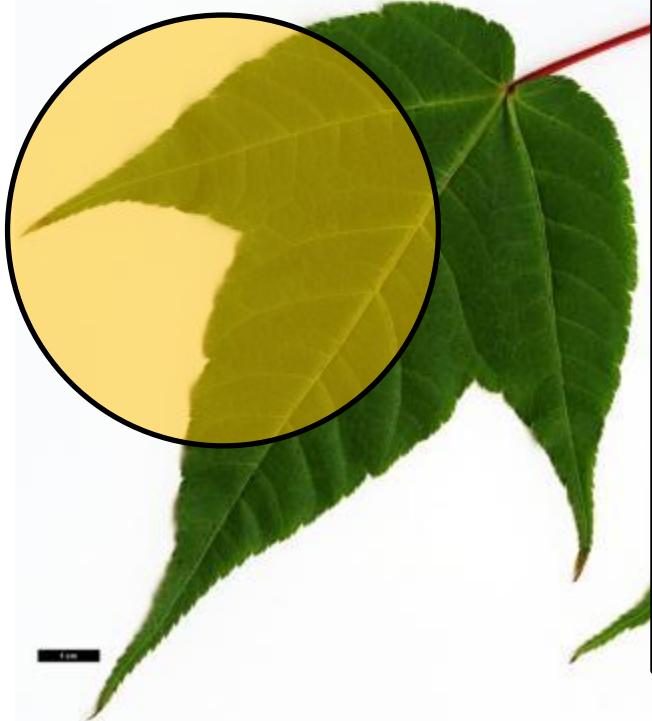


SW Sichuan, NW Yunnan

# *A. forrestii* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

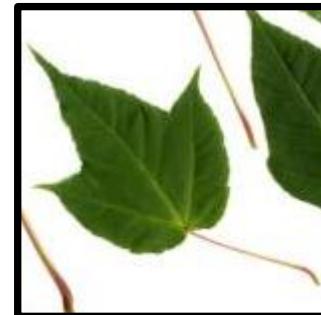
lamina 3-lobed  
apices acuminate



SW Sichuan, NW Yunnan

# *A. crataegifolium* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

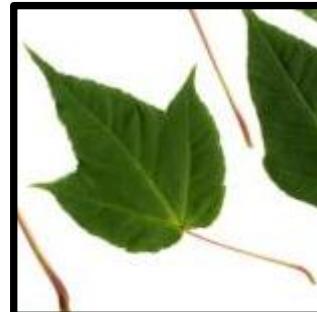
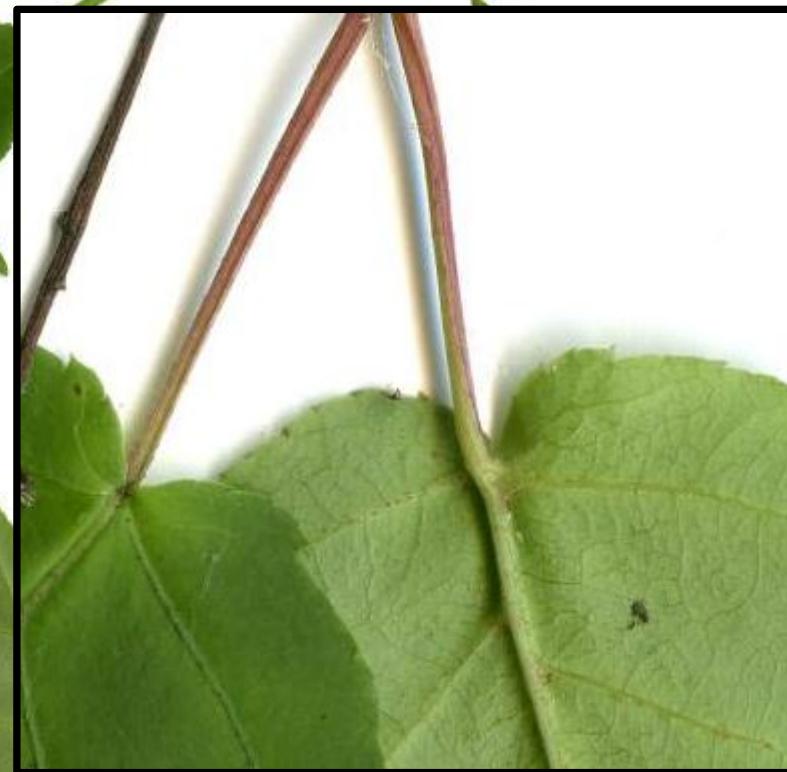
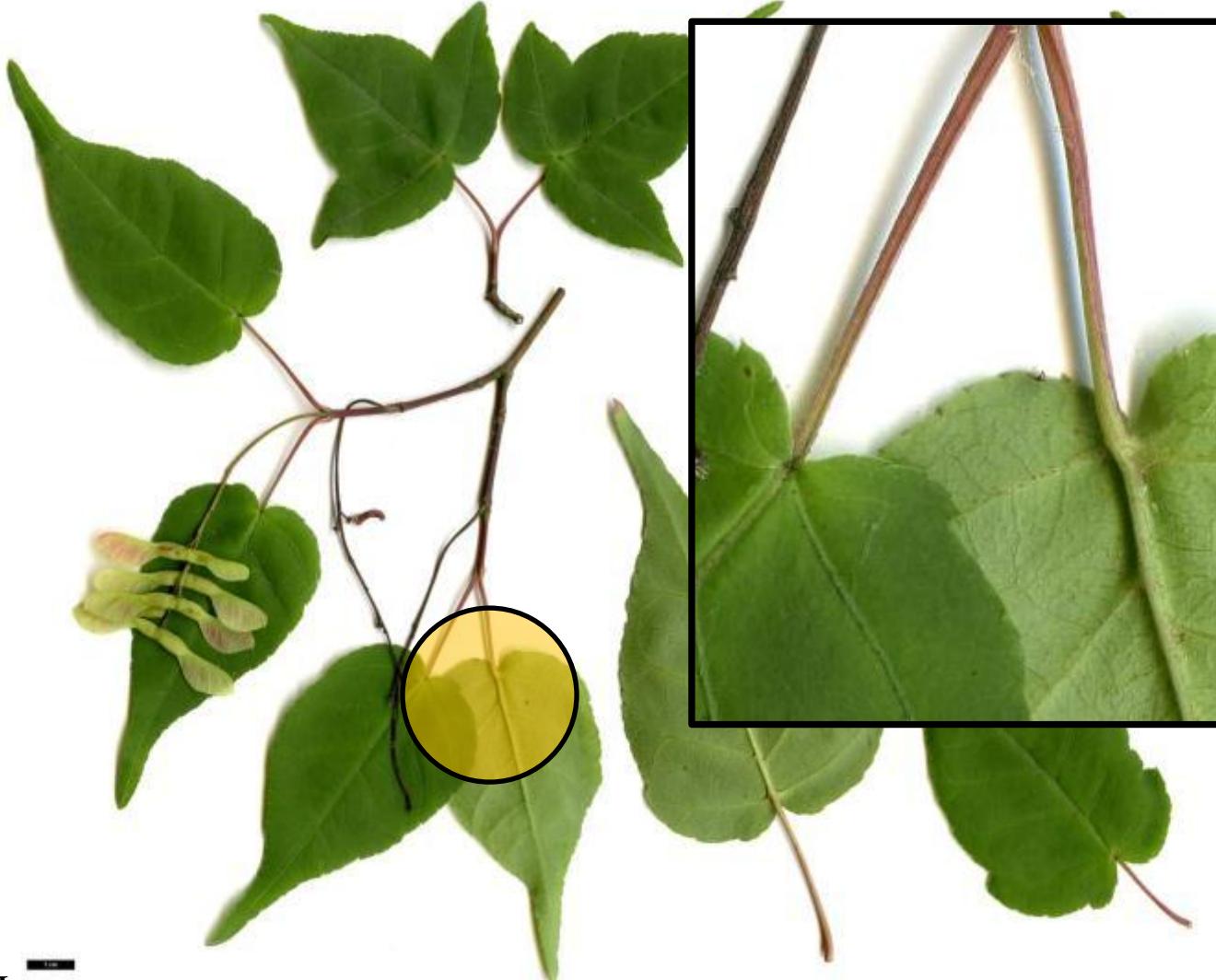


Japan

# *A. crataegifolium* (*Macrantha*)

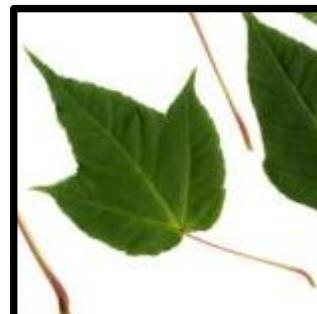
Group K

lamina 0-3-lobed  $\leq 8$  cm  
tiny membranous pockets



# *A. davidii (Macrantha)*

Group K



# *A. davidii* (*Macrantha*)

Group K

lamina 0(-3)-lobed >8 cm  
obvious membranous pockets

lateral lobe absent  
or apices below middle



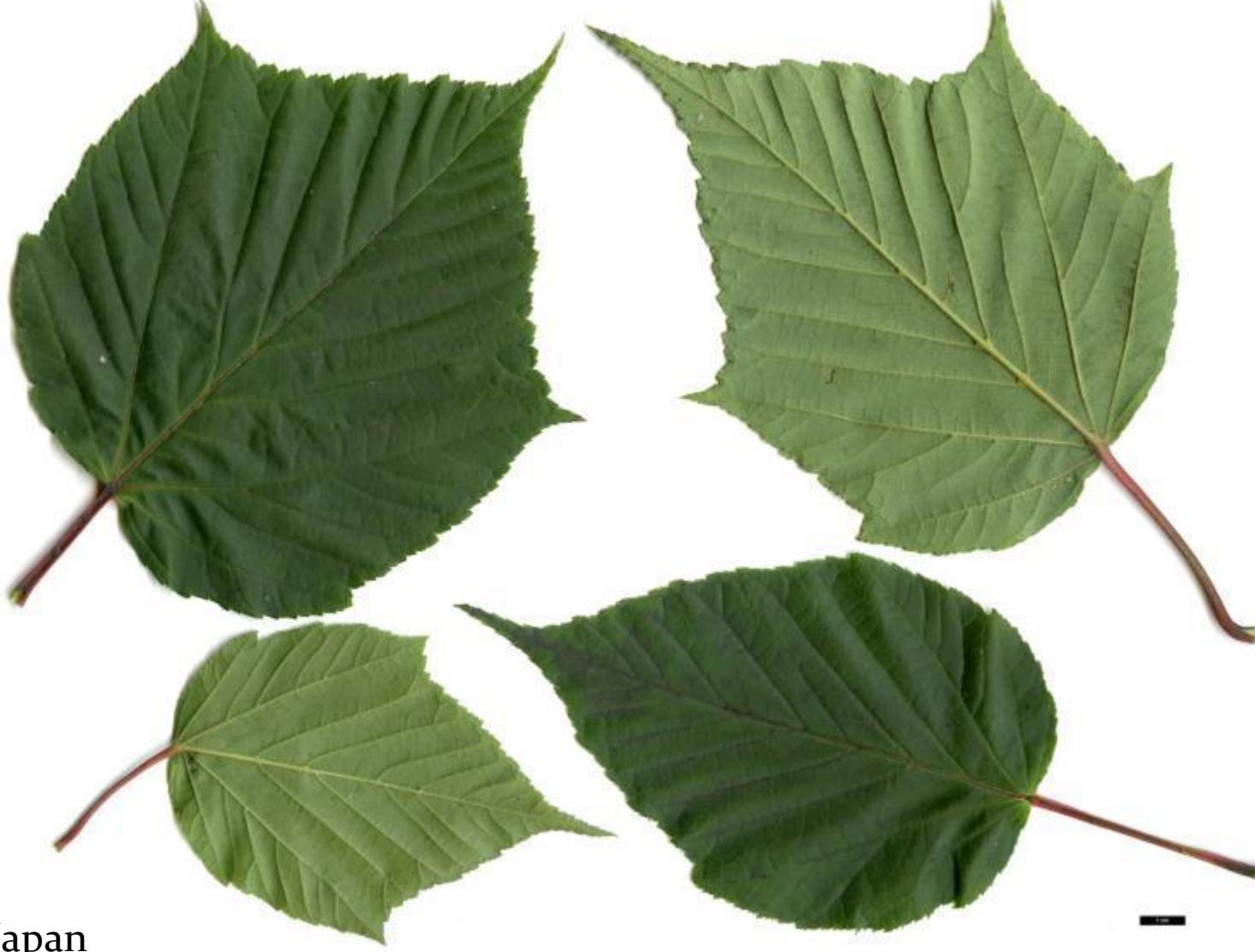
China

# **A. capillipes (*Macrantha*)**

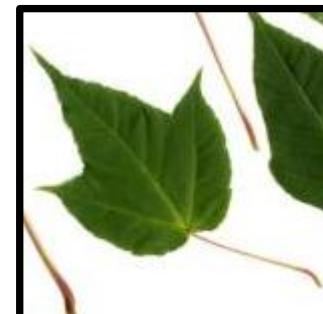
Group K

**lamina (0-)3(-5)-lobed >8 cm  
obvious membranous pockets**

**lateral lobe apices  
at or above middle**



Japan



# *A. morifolium (Macrantha)*

Group K

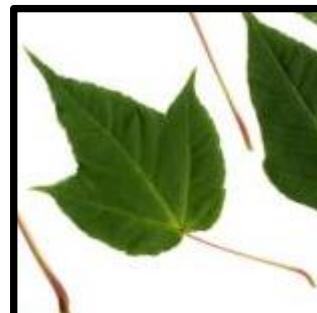
**lamina (0-)3(-5)-lobed >8 cm  
obvious membranous pockets**

**similar, less lobed,  
less domatia**



1 mm

Japan



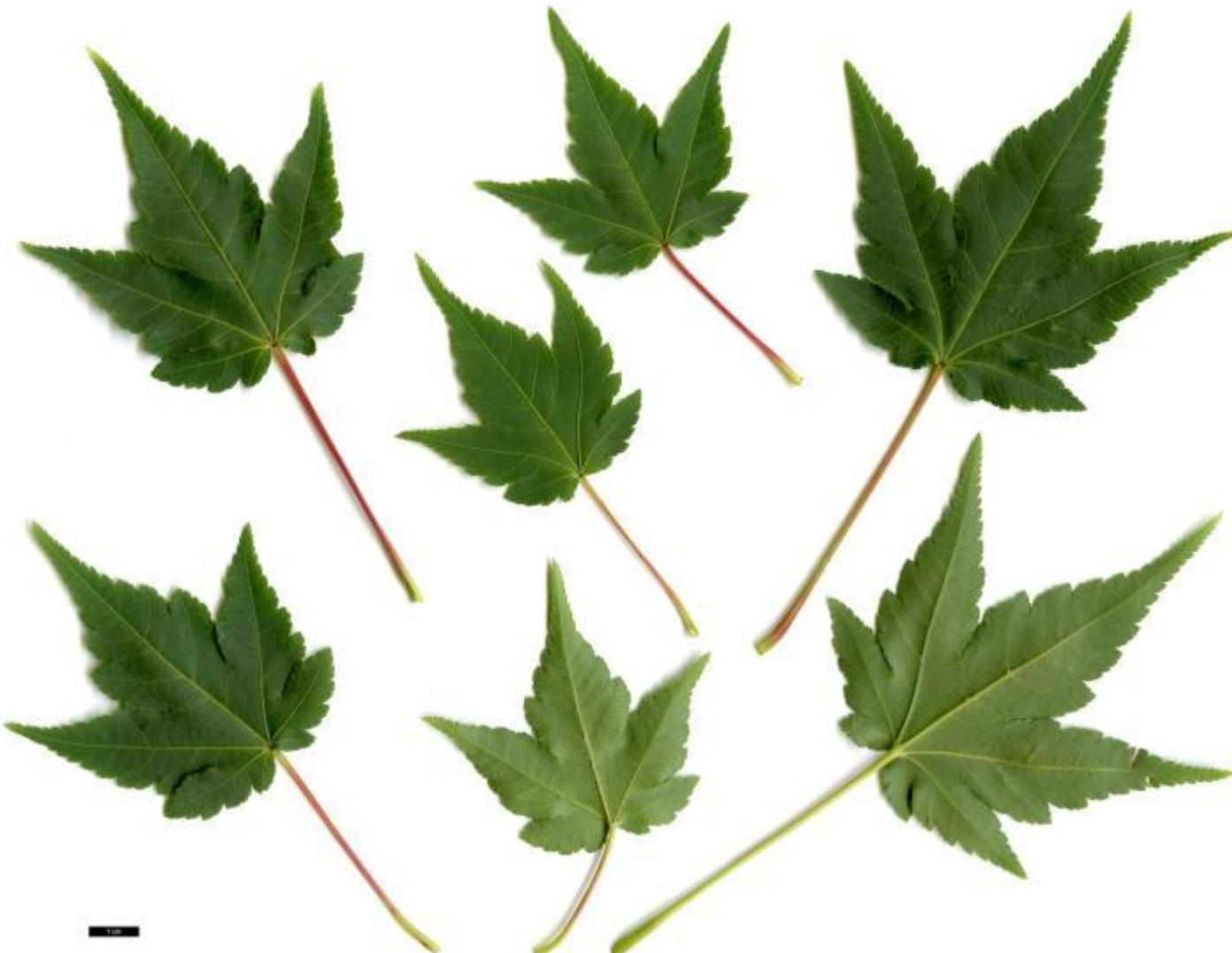
## GROUP L

Lamina LS vein axils with membranous pockets.  
Lamina predominantly 3-5-lobed or 5-lobed.



# *A. micranthum* (*Macrantha*)

Group L



Japan



# *A. micranthum* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

terminal/lateral lobe sinus  
very narrow/overlapping

terminal lobe  
 $L/W$  ratio  $\geq 2/1$

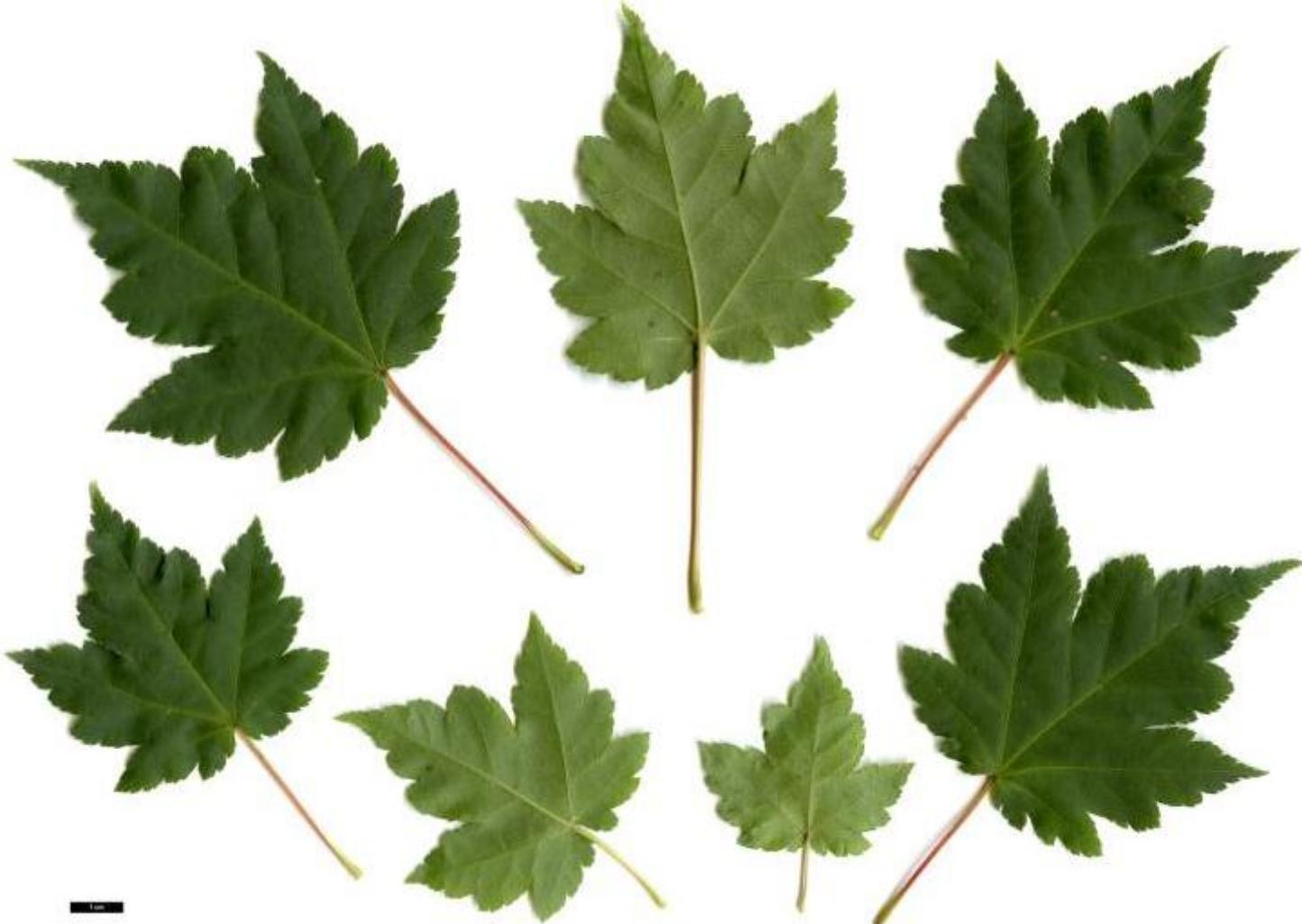


# *A. tschonoskii* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

terminal/lateral lobe sinus  
very narrow/overlapping

terminal lobe  
L/W ratio <2/1



Japan



# **A. rufinerve (*Macrantha*)**

Group L

mature lamina  
outline obovate



# *A. rufinerve* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

shoot +/-  
bloomed



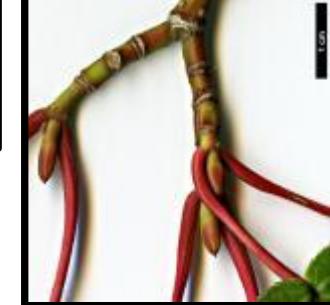
lamina outline  
obovate



# *A. pensylvanicum* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

mature lamina  
outline obovate



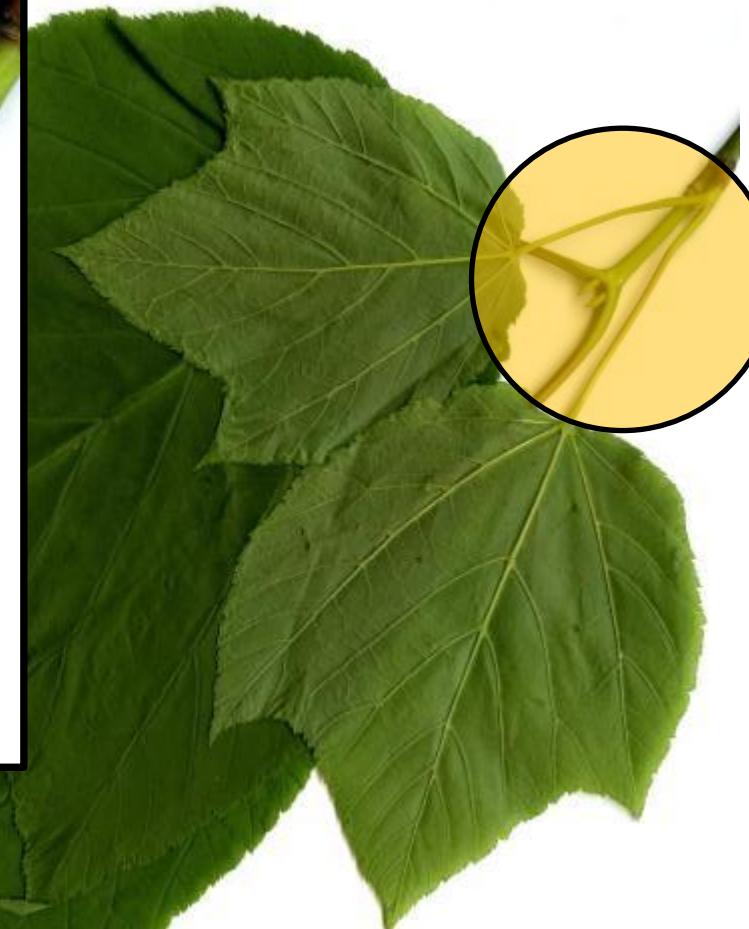
eastern N America

# *A. pensylvanicum* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

shoot  
green

mature lamina  
outline obovate

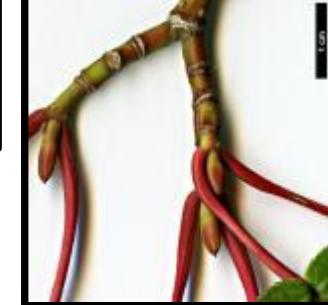


eastern N America

# *A. tegmentosum* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

mature lamina outline  
pentagonal orbicular



NE China, Korea, E Russia

# *A. pectinatum* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

lamina outline  
variable



S Xizang, NW Yunnan, Bhutan, NE India, NE Myanmar, Nepal

# *A. pectinatum* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

lamina LS  
pubescent along veins

lamina outline  
variable

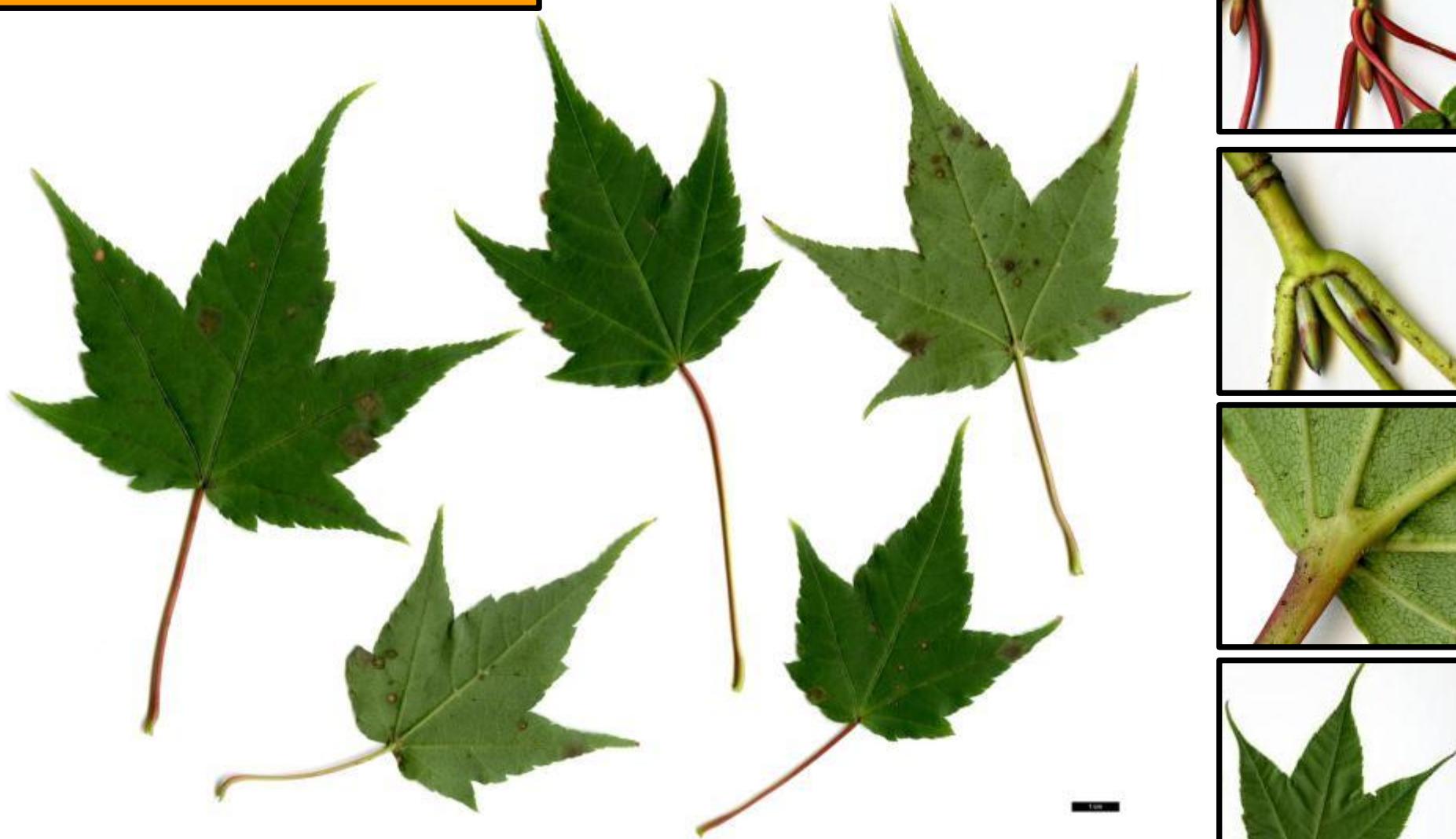


S Xizang, NW Yunnan, Bhutan, NE India, NE Myanmar, Nepal

# *A. maximowiczii* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

terminal lobe relatively  
narrow L/W ratio +/- 2/1



W China

# *A. metcalfii* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

terminal lobe relatively  
wide L/W ratio <2/1

petiole green

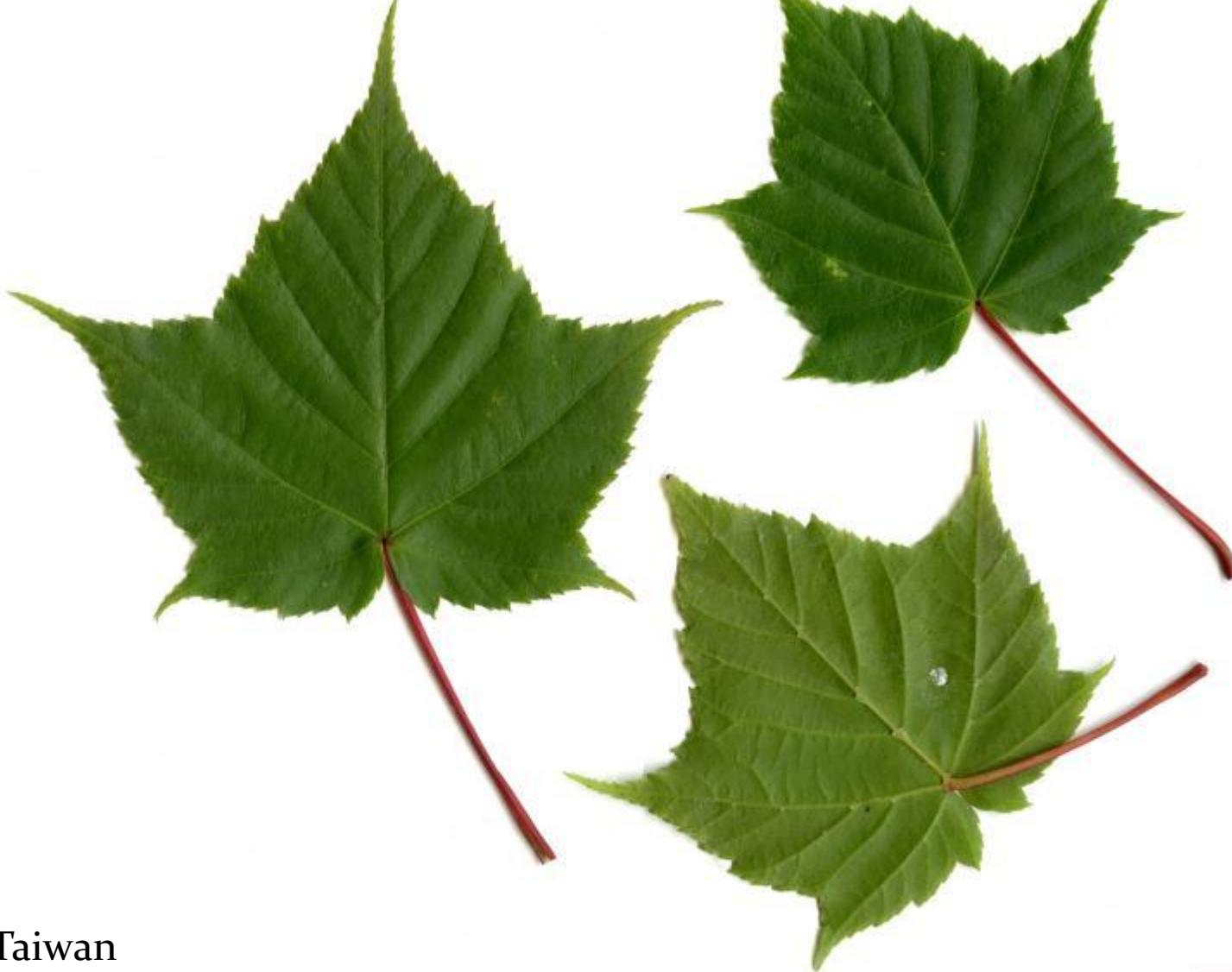


# *A. rubescens* (*Macrantha*)

Group L

terminal lobe relatively  
wide L/W ratio <2/1

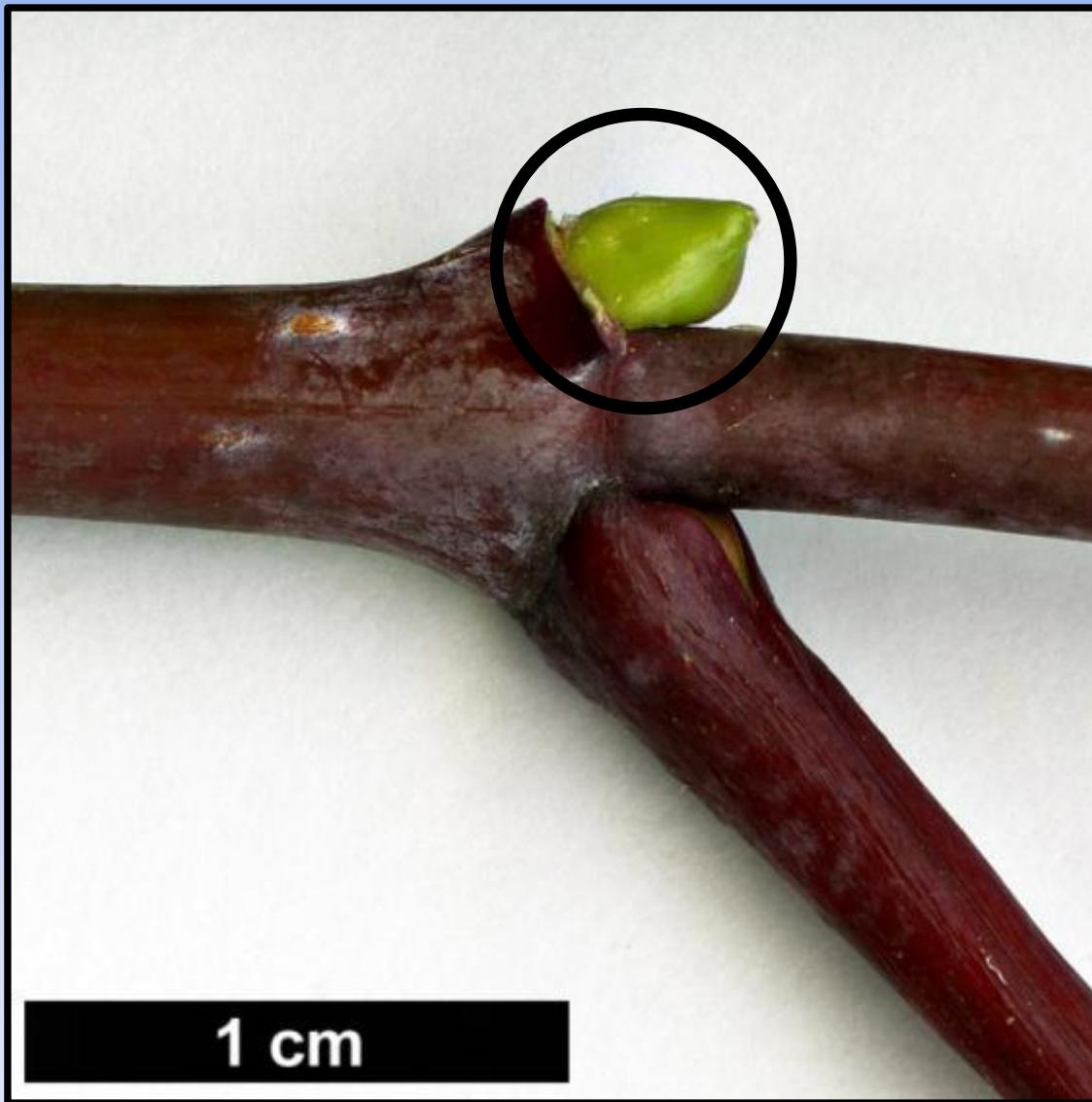
petiole red



**Shoot at base with 2-4 pairs of bud scale scars (10× LENS).**



## Bud sessile (10 $\times$ LENS).



**GROUP M**  
**Lamina always unlobed.**



# *A. cordatum (Palmata)*

Group M



SW China

# *A. cordatum (Palmata)*

Group M

basal secondary vein  
ends above basal third



# *A. fabri* (*Palmata*)

Group M

basal secondary vein  
ends in basal third



SW China, Vietnam



# *A. fabri* (*Palmata*)

Group M

secondary veins  
≤6/side

basal secondary vein  
ends in basal third



SW China, Vietnam

# *A. laevigatum (Palmata)*

Group M

secondary veins  
7-12/side

basal secondary vein  
ends in basal third



## GROUP N

Lamina unlobed to 3-lobed, OR 3-lobed.



# *A. tutcheri* (*Palmata*)

Group N

lobe sinus  
in basal third



SE China, Taiwan

# *A. fenzelianum* (*Palmata*)

Group N

lobe sinus  
above basal third



# *A. fenzelianum* (*Palmata*)

Group N

current growth  
petiole pubescent

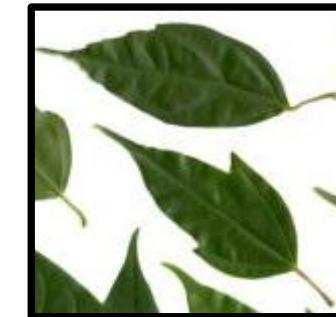
lobe sinus  
above basal third



# *A. calcaratum* (*Palmata*)

Group N

lobe sinus  
above basal third



Yunnan, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam

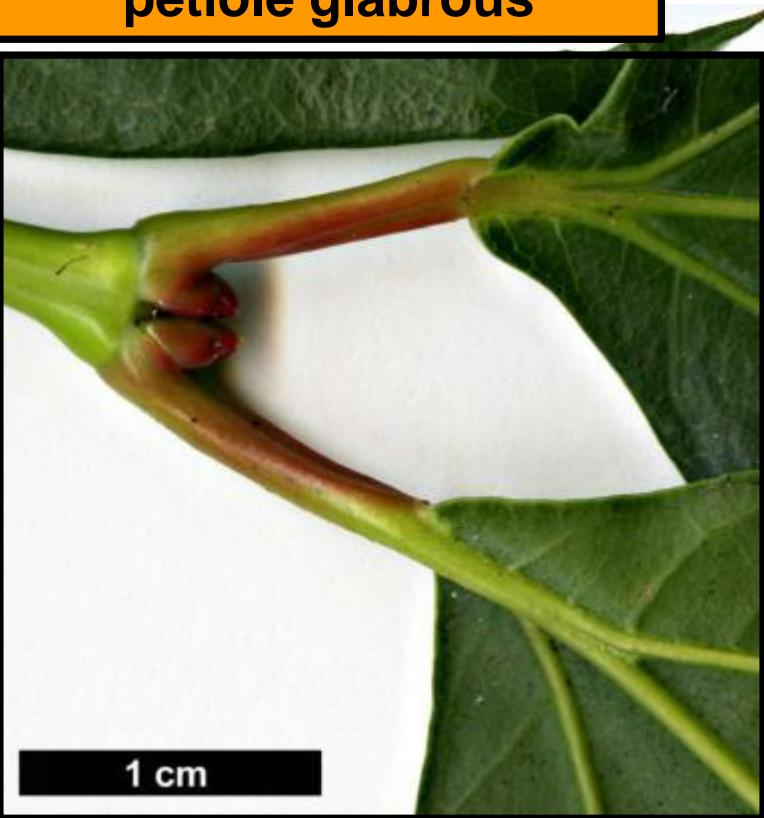


# *A. calcaratum (Palmata)*

Group N

current growth  
petiole glabrous

lobe sinus  
above basal third



Yunnan, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam

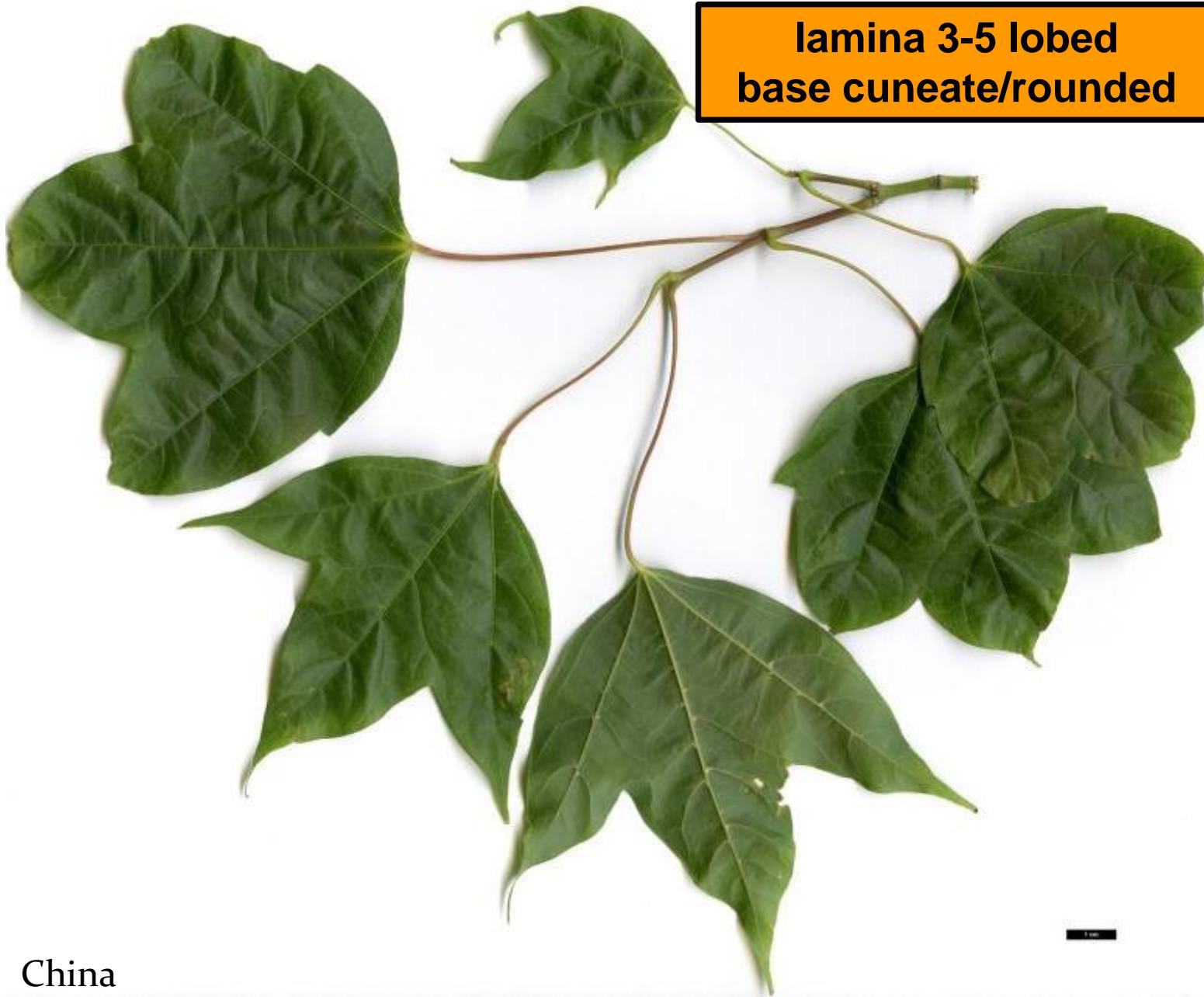
## GROUP O

Lamina 3-5(-more)-lobed, 5-lobed lamina ALWAYS present.



# *A. wilsonii (Palmata)*

Group O



China

# *A. sinense (Palmata)*

Group O

lamina 5-lobed  
petiole short



Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Sichuan

# *A. elegantulum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

lamina 5-lobed  
petiole long



# *A. elegantulum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

lamina (3-)5-lobed  
US venation impressed

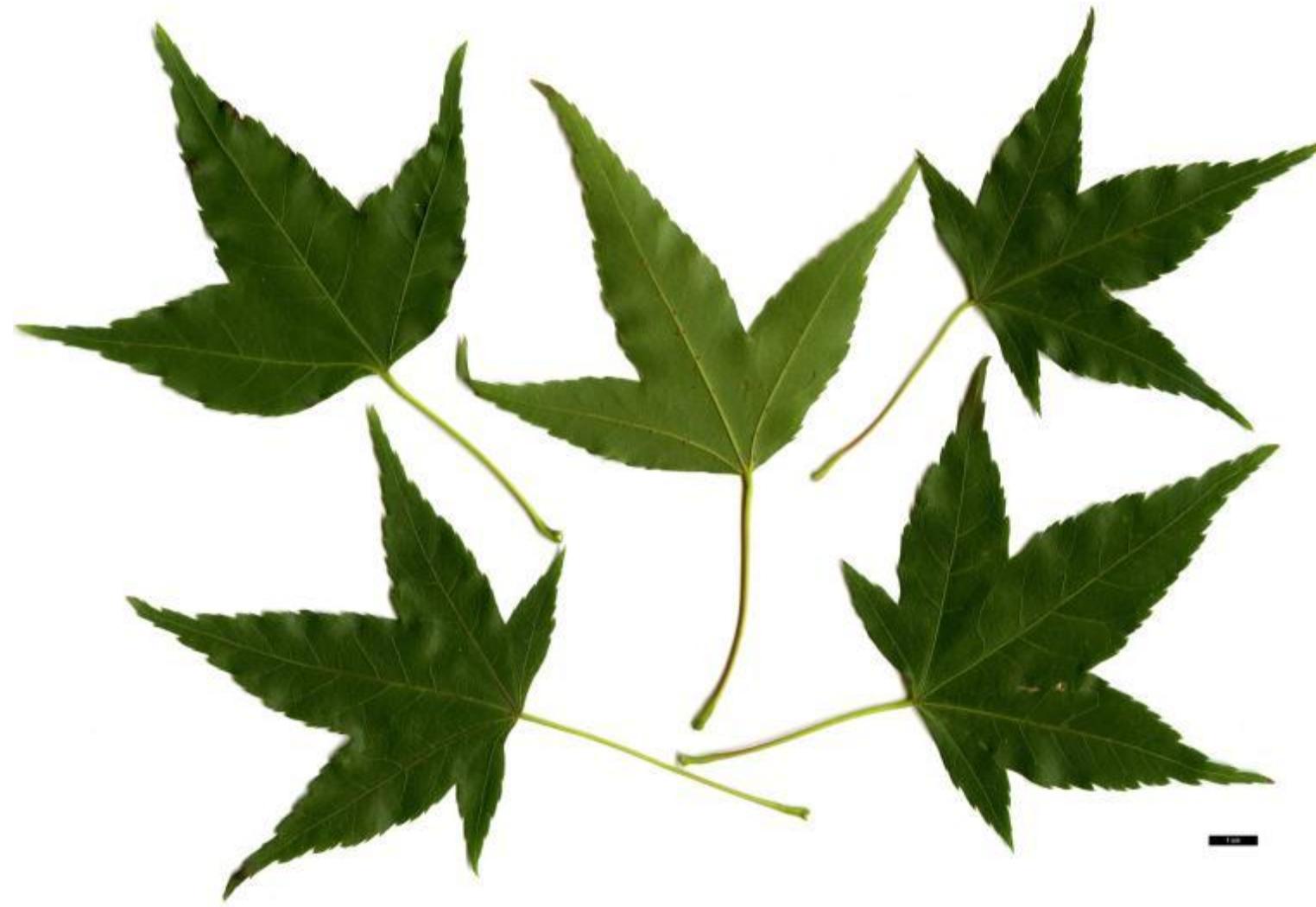
lamina 5-lobed  
petiole long



# *A. serrulatum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

lamina (3-)5-lobed  
petiole long



Taiwan

# *A. serrulatum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

lamina (3-)5-lobed  
US venation +/- elevated

lamina (3-)5-lobed  
petiole long



# *A. oliverianum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

lamina (3-)5-lobed  
petiole long

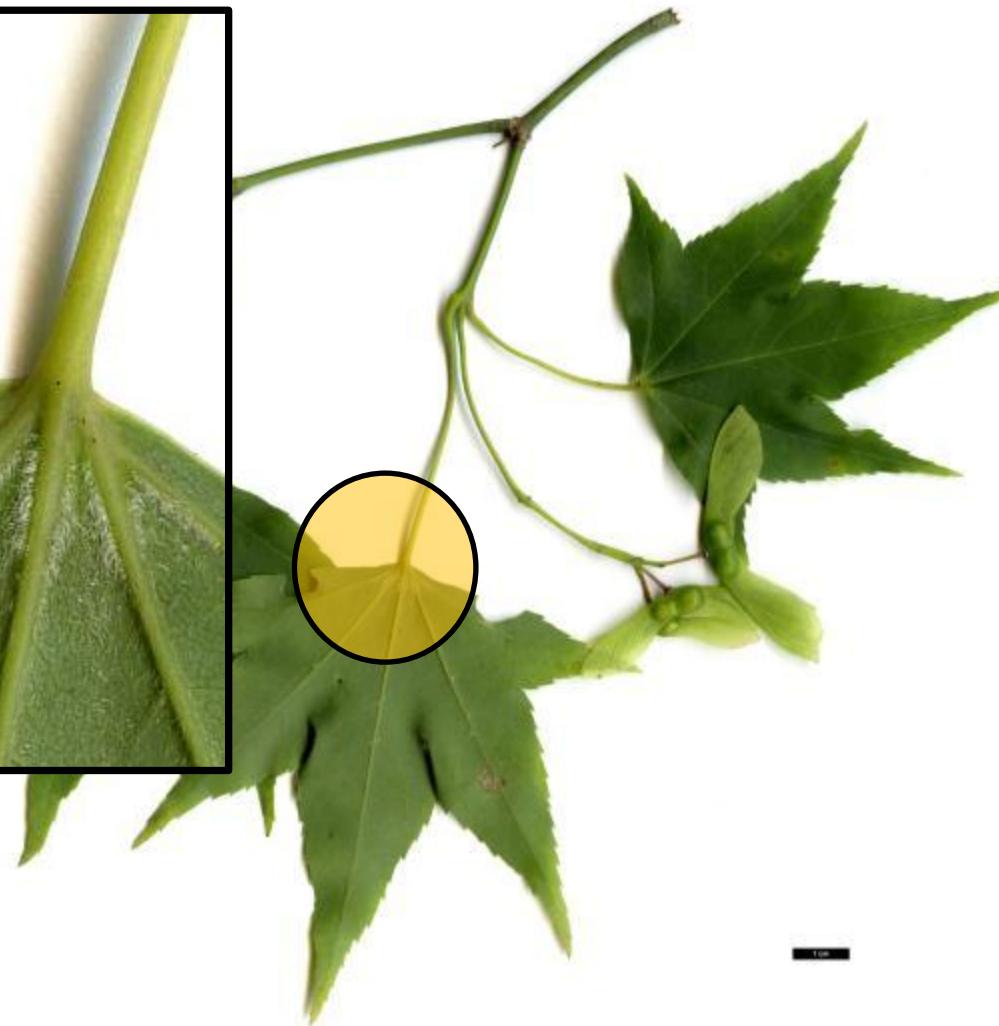


# *A. oliverianum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

similar, but lamina  
base pubescent

lamina (3-)5-lobed  
petiole long



# *A. pubipalmatum (Palmata)*

Group O



S Anhui, Zhejiang

# *A. pubipalmatum (Palmata)*

Group O



petiole  
densely pubescent



# *A. erianthum (Palmata)*

Group O



Szechuan, Hupeh

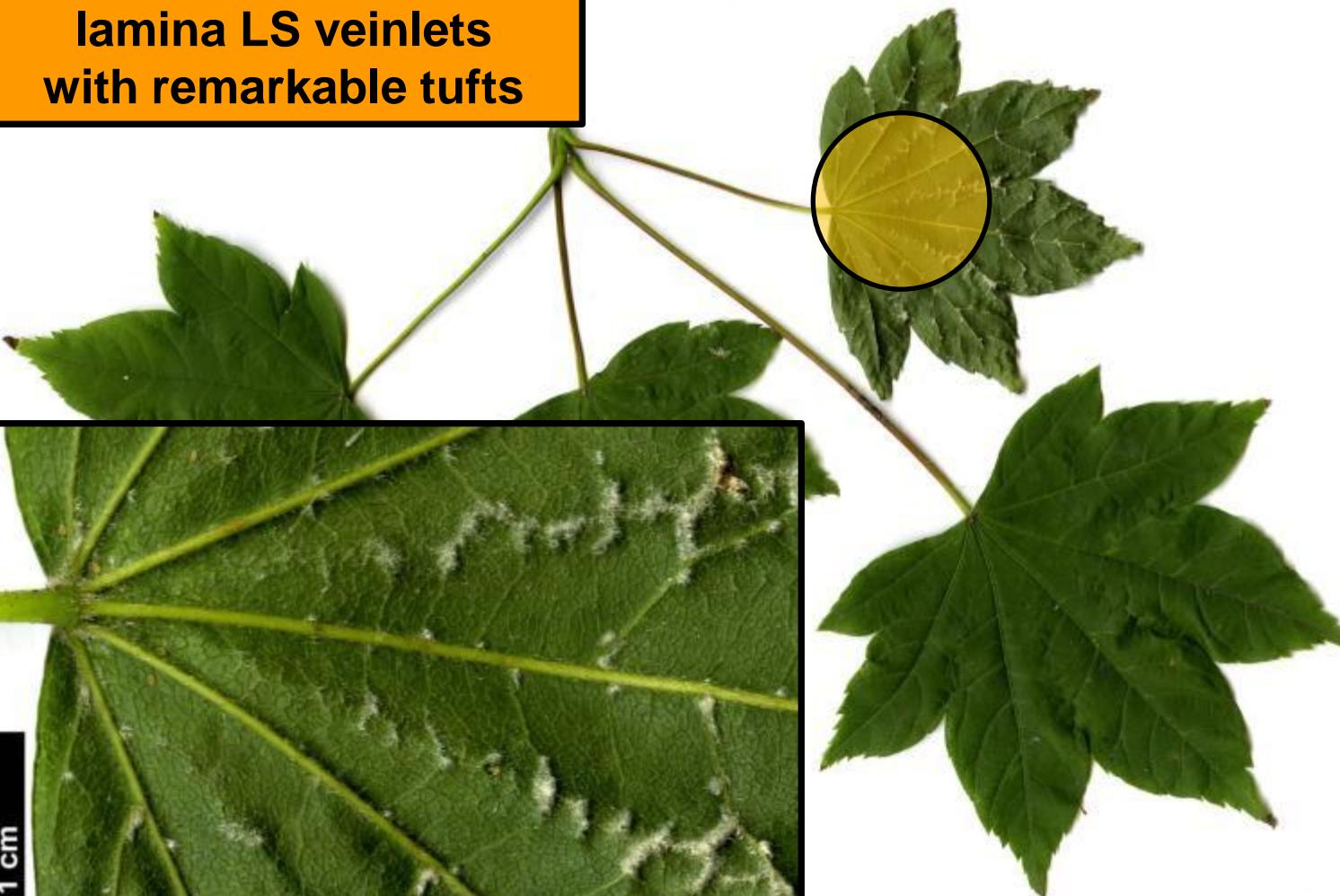
# *A. erianthum (Palmata)*

Group O

lamina LS veinlets  
with remarkable tufts



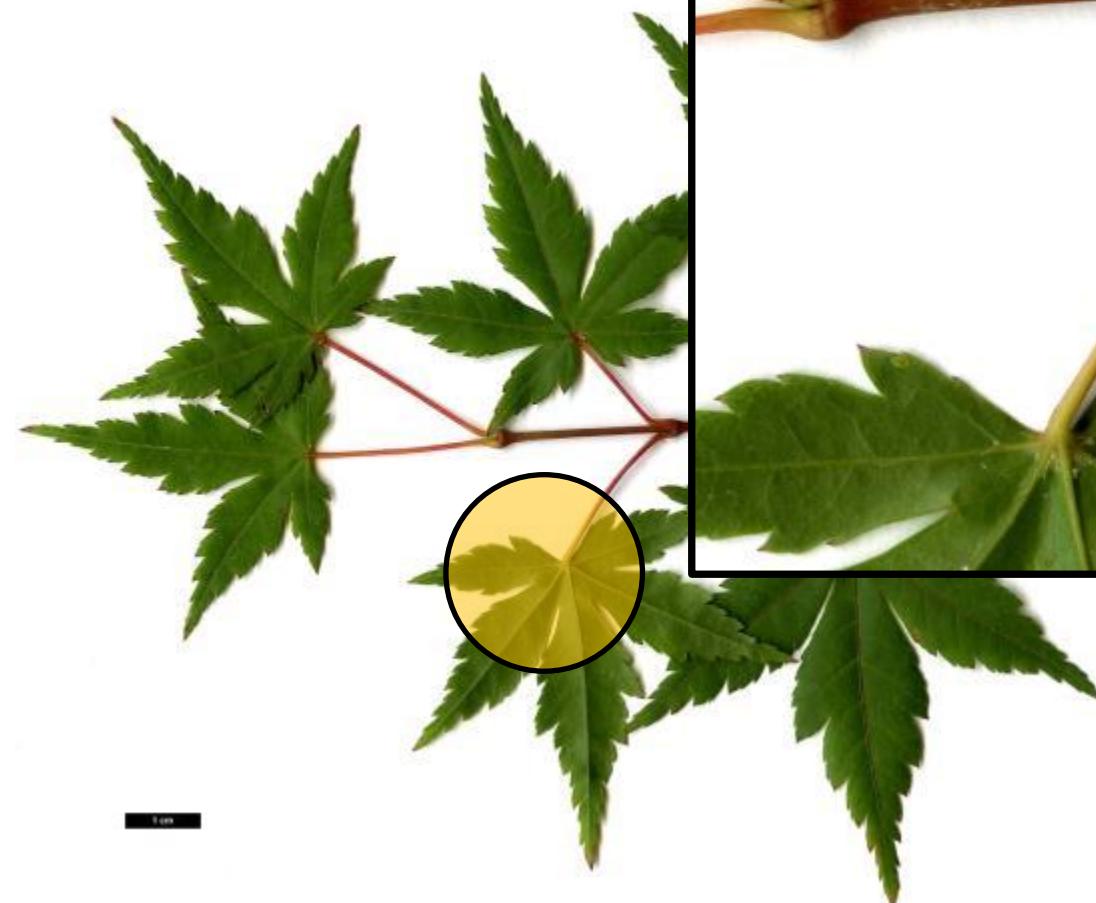
Szechuan, Hupeh



# *A. palmatum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

5-7-lobed, midvein 3-9 cm  
irregularly double serrate



Japan, Korea, Taiwan, SE China

# *A. amoenum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

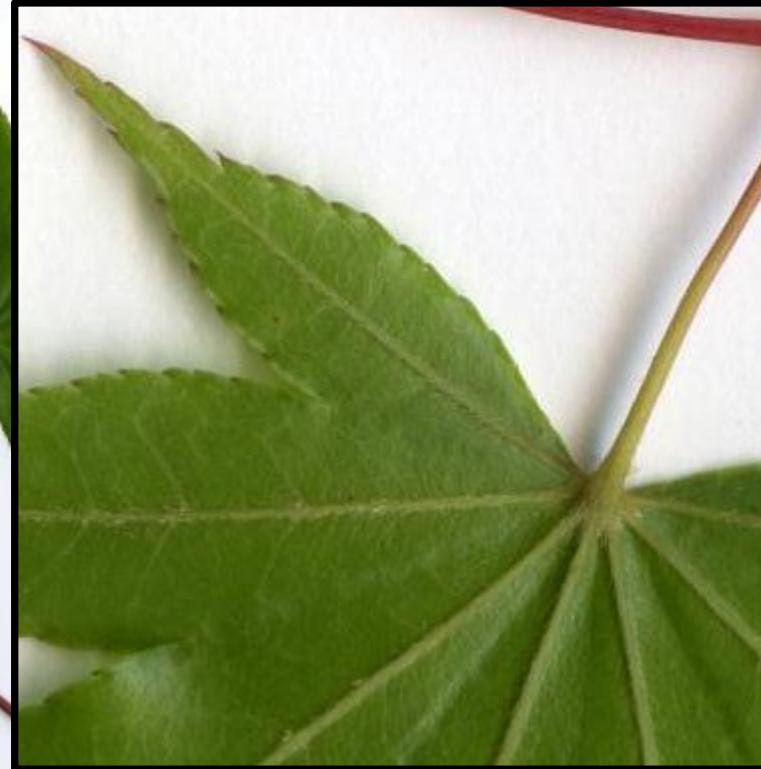
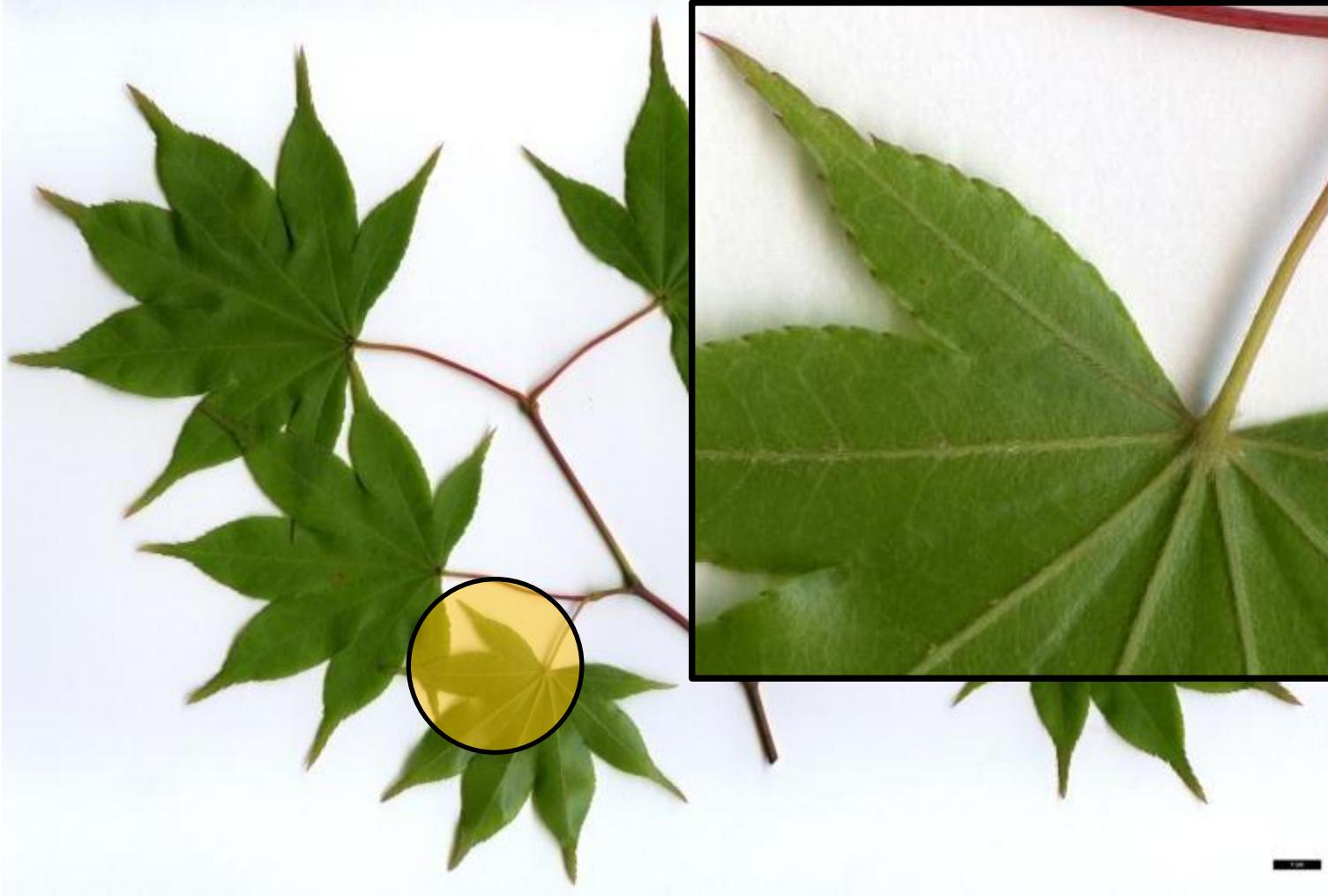
5-7-lobed, midvein 3-9 cm  
regularly simple serrate



# *A. amoenum* (*Palmata*)

Group O

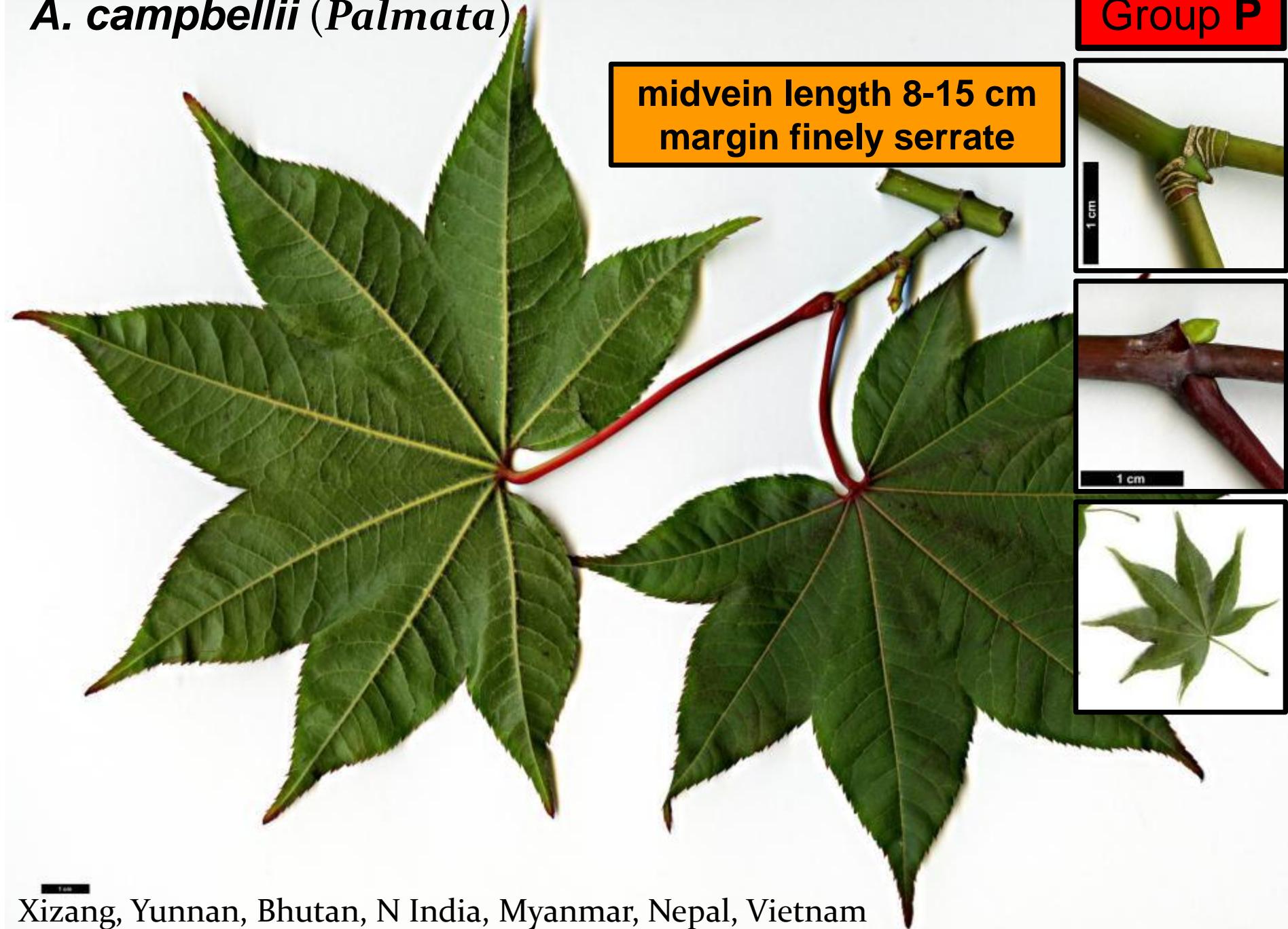
5-7-lobed, midvein 3-9 cm  
regularly simple serrate



# *A. campbellii (Palmata)*

Group P

midvein length 8-15 cm  
margin finely serrate



Xizang, Yunnan, Bhutan, N India, Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam

# *A. campbellii (Palmata)*

Group P

midvein length 8-15 cm  
margin finely serrate



Xizang, Yunnan, Bhutan, N India, Myanmar, Nepal, Vietnam

# *A. flabellatum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

midvein length 8-15 cm  
margin coarsely serrate



SW China, Myanmar, Vietnam

# *A. flabellatum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

midvein length 8-15 cm  
margin coarsely serrate



SW China, Myanmar, Vietnam

## GROUP P

Lamina 7(-more)-lobed AND 5-lobed lamina absent.



# *A. tenuifolium (Palmata)*

Group P



1 cm



Japan

# *A. tenuifolium (Palmata)*

Group P

lamina base  
+/- truncate to (sub)cordate



# *A. shirasawanum (Palmata)*

Group P

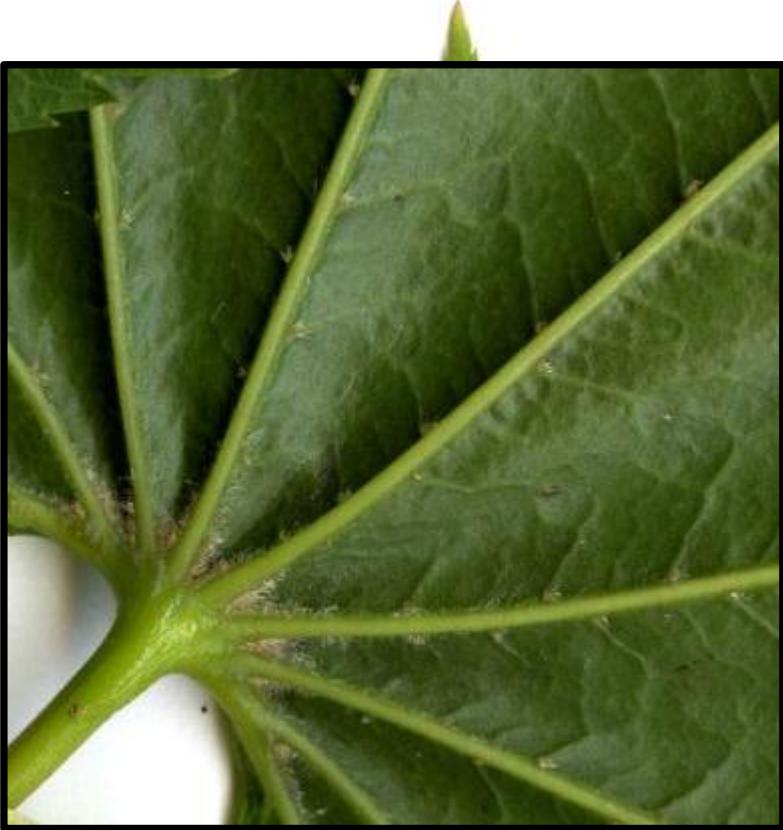


Japan

# *A. shirasawanum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

≥9-lobed, base cordate  
petiole glabrous



# *A. japonicum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

≥9-lobed, base cordate  
petiole pubescent



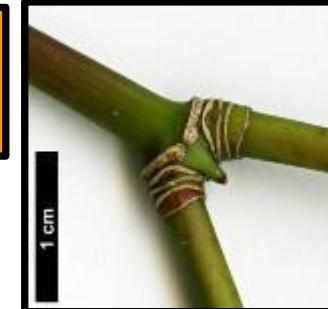
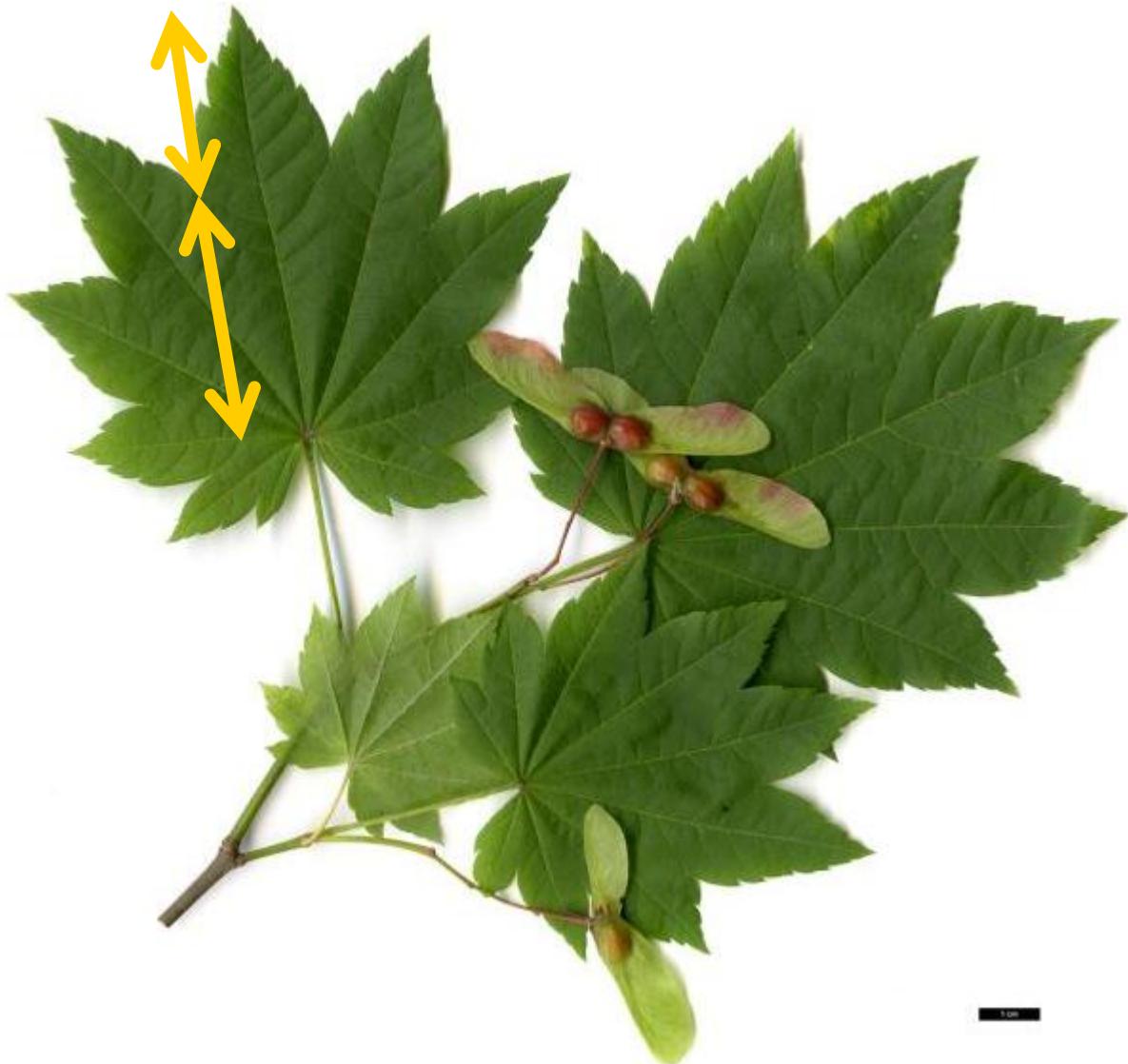
Japan

# *A. japonicum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

terminal lobe  
 $\leq 1/2$  midvein length

$\geq 9$ -lobed, base cordate  
petiole pubescent



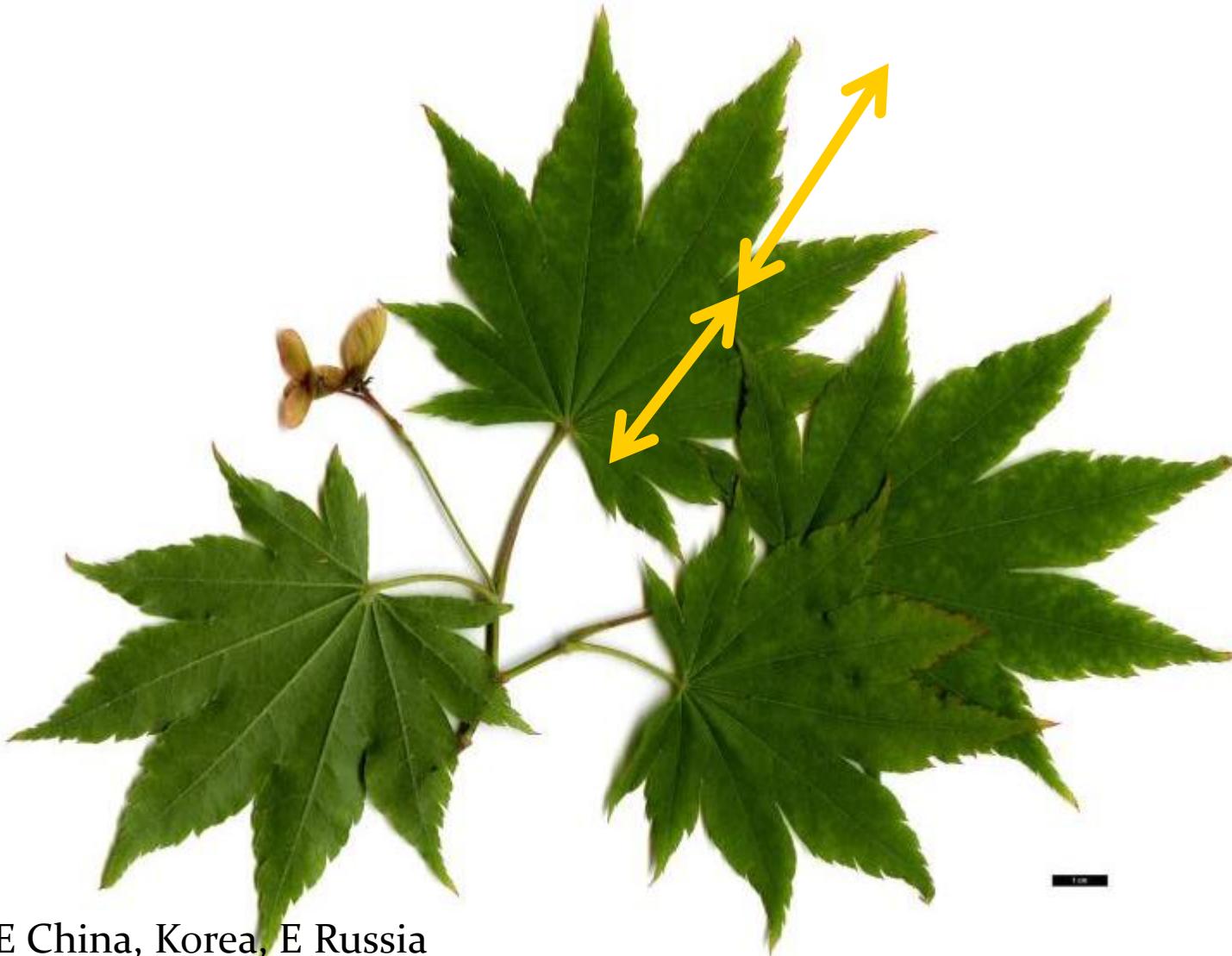
Japan

# *A. pseudosieboldianum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

terminal lobe  
 $>1/2$  midvein length

$\geq 9$ -lobed, base cordate  
petiole pubescent



NE China, Korea, E Russia

# *A. duplcatoserratum (Palmata)*

Group P



Taiwan

# *A. duplcatoserratum (Palmata)*

Group P

7-9-lobed

lamina US pubescent

1 cm



Taiwan

# *A. circinatum (Palmata)*

Group P

7-9-lobed  
T-lobe <1/2 midvein length



W N America

# *A. circinatum (Palmata)*

Group P

7-9-lobed  
T-lobe <1/2 midvein length

petiole  
glabrous



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W N America

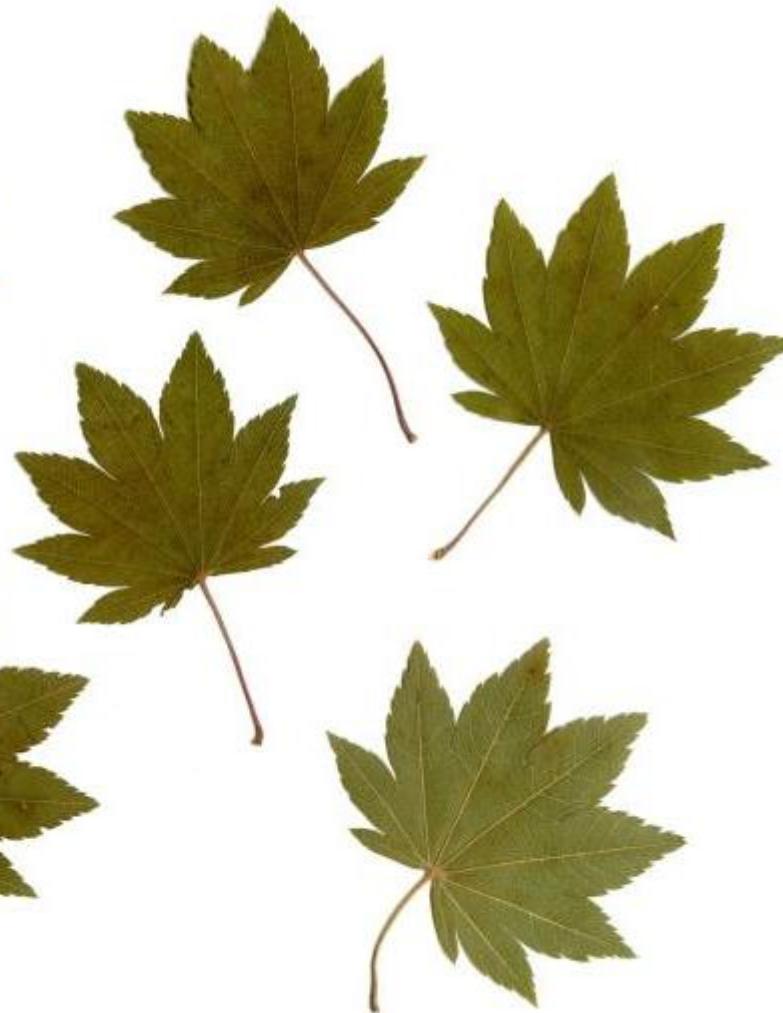
# *A. sieboldianum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

7-9-lobed  
T-lobe <1/2 midvein length



Japan



# *A. sieboldianum* (*Palmata*)

Group P

7-9-lobed  
T-lobe <1/2 midvein length

petiole  
pubescent



# *A. robustum (Palmata)*

Group P

7-lobed and terminal lobe  
 $>1/2$  midvein length



C China



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