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64. *Ulmus rubra* L. (*U. fulva* Michx., slippery elm) - The slippery elm is one of the earliest blooming elms which occur in this county. It is very easily distinguished from the American elm by its short, heavy-set trunk. The diameter of the trunk is often four or five feet (1.2 to 1.5 m), but the height of the tree is rarely more than 50 to 60 feet (15.2 to 18.2 m). Because of the remarkable toughness of the wood, this elm has been spared in many cases. Many trees are now standing because of the inability of the farmer to work up the trunk and branches into stove wood. The tree is well known because of its glutinous bark. In the vicinity of most towns there are certain of these trees which have become famous as the producers of slippery elm bark which is the delight of the small boy and of some value to the medical profession. The slippery elm is one of the most common trees in the county. The larger specimens are found in the creek bottoms, but the greatest number are found in the open uplands.