Boxelder Red Stain
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What It Is:

Boxelder Red Stain, also known as “Flame Boxelder” is pink/red/orange discolouration caused by trees defense response to being wounded. Typically found in boxelder maples, but also found in other species of maples, ash species, and fruit trees.

When your is stressed, it may produce pigments to block damage, this is called Compartmentalization of Decay in Trees (CODIT).

If your tree is flamed, it does not mean it will die immediately but it does indicate is stressed. Your tree may still live for many years. But it may lead to rot and structural weakness over time.

Boxelder trees are generally fast-growing trees but have a relatively short lifespan of only 75-100 years. Boxelder Red Stain is more common in older or damaged trees.



Causes:

- Stress
- Insects
- Sapsuckers
- Fungus







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