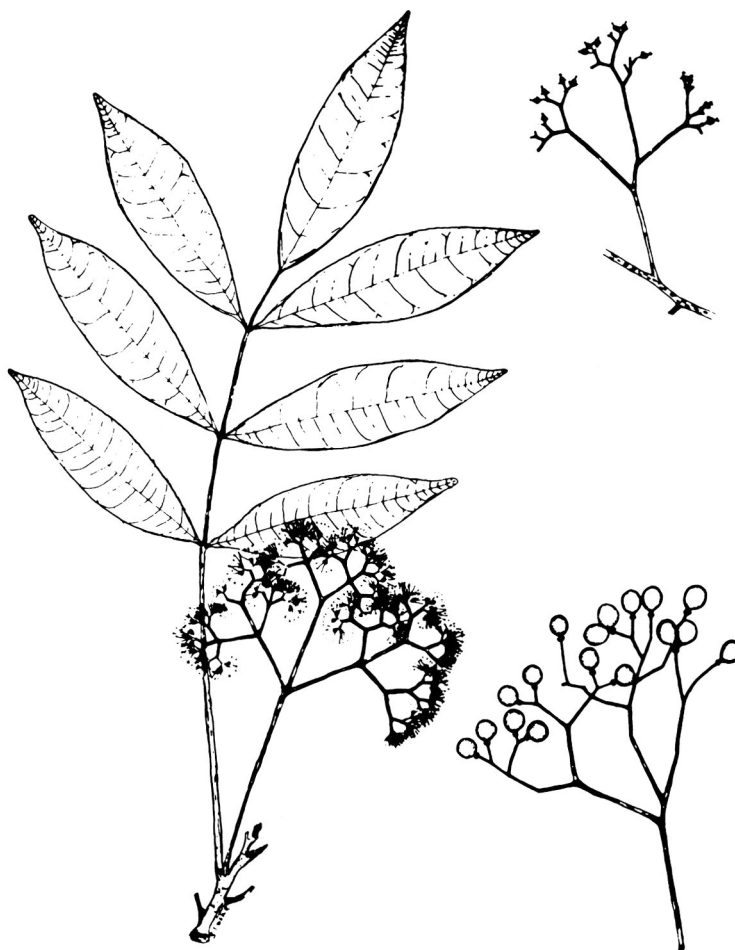


267. *PICRAMMA EXCELSA* (Sw.) Planch. (SIMAROUBACEAE) — Jamaican Quassia

Extracts and quassin (purified mixture of bitter principles) used with alcoholic beverages, baked goods, bitters, candy, dairy products, desserts, gelatins, liqueurs, and puddings. Highest average maximum use level in nonalcoholic beverages is *circa* 75 ppm.

Reported to be digestive, insecticidal, narcotic, piscicidal, stomachic, tonic, and vermifuge, Jamaican quassia is a folk remedy for epithelioma and fever.³²

Contains isoquassin, *circa* 50 times more bitter than quinine; also, 1.8% thiamine, beta-sitosterol, and beta-sitosterone. It is said, though, to contain no tannin.²⁹ Grieve mentions pectin.²

Toxicity — Quassia wood is slightly narcotic.²