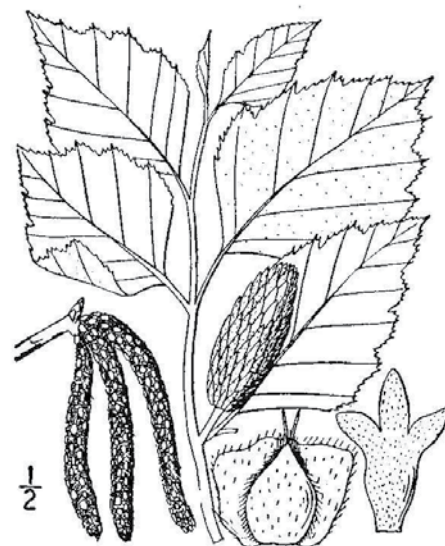
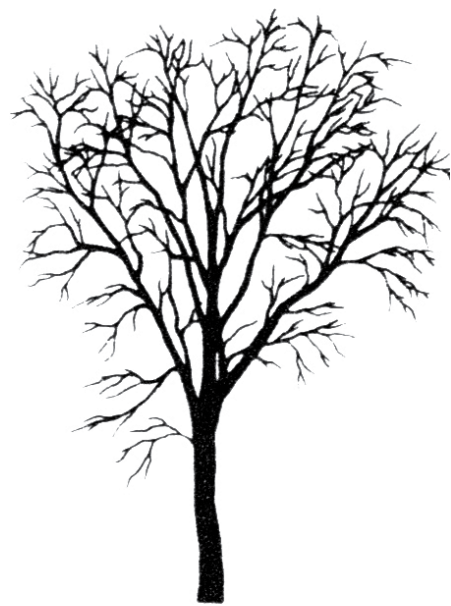


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Description: As suggested by its name, the river birch grows along river banks. As a landscape tree, it can be planted almost anywhere. River birch wood is hard, strong and knotty. Ox yokes, wooden shoes and furniture have been made from its wood. It is valued for its relatively rapid growth, tolerance of wetness and some drought, unique curling bark and spreading limbs

Height: 40 -70 feet.

Trunk Diameter:

Spread: 40 - 60 feet.

Growth Rate: Medium/fast.

Leaves: Features glossy green leaves that are 2–3” long and somewhat triangular. Margins are double-toothed and leaves are arranged alternately.

Fall Color: Yellow.

Flowers: Male flowers are 2- to 3 inch- long, slender, dark brown catkins that are clustered and drooping. Female flowers are 1/3 inch long catkins with bright green scales.

Fruit: Fruit is a small nutlet in a 1- to 1½-inch-long pendulous catkin. Fruit ripens in spring.

Roots:

Sun: Full sun to partial shade.

Value: Wildlife, resistance to birch bore. Can be used as a screen or shade tree.

Issues: Should not be planted in very alkaline soil.