



# Northern Hackberry (Celtis Occidentalis) 1+0

**Type** Deciduous tree

## Size and Shape

Hackberry's can grow up to 18 m in height.

# **Edible Species?**

Yes

# **Distribution and Habitat**

Northern Hackberry grows commonly in moist bottomlands near rivers and lakes but has proven to be a very adaptable species for dry, windy sites and urban areas.

#### Wildlife

Hackberry are an important food source for many species of wildlife .

#### **Soil Preference**

Hackberry's are adaptable to all types of soils and a wide range of pH range.

#### Other

In a forest, hackberry will form a tall, high canopy, but when planted in the open, will grow as wide as tall, so give it ample space. Hackberry is a suitable replacement for American elm.



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#### **Light Exposure**

Hackberry's tolerate part shade, but prefer to be in full sun.

## **Drought Conditions**

Dry soils may be tolerated but will cause the tree to grow slowly.

#### Salt Tolerance

Not tolerant

#### **Disease, Pests and Problems**

Hackberry Psyllid, aphids, cankerworms, forest tent caterpillars and can develop witches broom.

# **Rural Uses**

The hackberry fruit is a sweet treat for humans and wildlife. It's ability to attract a variety of wildlife makes it the perfect tree to help you create a diverse ecosystem in your own backyard.

#### Urban Uses

A hardy, urban shade tree, the hackberry can easily withstand strong winds, pollution, heat, and tough soils, while still adding visual interest and beauty to a landscape. The hackberry is an excellent mediumsized tree that is often planted to create shade and privacy on residential properties.