

# HACKBERRY

*Celtis occidentalis*

**Height:** 50-75'      **Spread:** 50-60'

**Location:** Zone 2, sun to part shade, adaptable

**Shape:** Broad, rounded crown

**Foliage:** Bright green, yellow in fall

**Notes:** This tree is suitable as a shade tree for the lawn or streets. The leaves turn to an attractive yellow in the fall. Fruits edible and are commonly consumed by birds. The crown is narrow and rounded in the forest, but broad, with pendant lower branches when grown in the open. The tree is tolerant of a wide range of habitats and grows on bottomlands as well as droughty upland sites. Hackberry, also referred to as sugarberry, is in the Elm family (Ulmaceae). It is often used as an ornamental because of its hardiness and is frequently used as a "street" tree in cities because of its drought tolerance.

