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AMERICAN HAZELNUT

Corylus americana

A rounded, thicket-forming, multi-stemmed shrub that produces edible nuts, which can be roasted, ground to flour, or left for wildlife to enjoy. Nice fall foliage.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Nuts eaten by woodpeckers, grouse, pheasants, turkey, squirrels, foxes, and deer
- Rabbits, deer, and moose browse catkins, leaves, and twigs
- Dense branches provide cover for many species

Host to 131 caterpillar species, including: (*common names*) Walnut Sphinx; Small-eyed Sphinx; Funerary Dagger Moth; Pale Beauty; Blinded Sphinx; Luna Moth; Red-Humped Caterpillar; Polyphemus Moth; Cecropia Silkmoth

Benefits for People

- Edible nuts
- Orange, red, and purple fall foliage is strikingly beautiful

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun to part shade, shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist to dry, well-drained
<i>Height</i>	6–16'
<i>Width</i>	8–12'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	April to June

Natural Habitat

- Woodlands, wood margins, prairies

