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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.

## Growing Information

Sunlight Full sun to part shade, shade  
Soil Type Moist to dry, well-drained  
Height 6–16'  
Flowering calendar April to June

## Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes  
Flowers  
Fruit  
Seeds Yes

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

## Natural Habitat

- Woodlands, wood margins, prairies

