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# AMERICAN HORNBEAM

*Carpinus caroliniana*

Small, attractive tree or large shrub with attractive foliage and flowers, and very unique “muscled” trunk.

## Benefits for Wildlife

- Catkins eaten by grouse, pheasants, and quail
- Nuts provide food for songbirds, squirrels, and foxes
- Rabbits and deer browse foliage and branches
- Beavers often use logs for their dams

Host to 72 caterpillar species, including: (*common names*) Walnut Sphinx; Red-spotted Admiral; Eastern Tiger Swallowtail; Funerary Dagger Moth; Blinded Sphinx; Luna Moth; Imperial Moth; Polyphemus Moth

## Benefits for People

- Excellent specimen tree that is often multi-trunked and spreads out
- Offers beautiful color throughout the year - new leaves are red in early spring, and again turn red in the fall

## Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Part shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist, acidic
<i>Height</i>	15–30’
<i>Width</i>	20-30’
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	September

## Natural Habitat

- Understory species in low hardwood forests

