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AMERICAN HOP-HORNBEAM

Ostrya virginiana

This slow-growing tree has a wider, round canopy, and is highly adaptable to light and soil conditions. It has beautiful yellow foliage in the fall, and nutlets that are enjoyed by songbirds and mammals. Also called Ironwood.

Growing Information

Sunlight	Sun, part sun, shade
Soil Type	Dry to moist, well-draining
Height	30-40'
Flowering calendar	April

Benefits for People

Natural Habitat

Ravines and wooded slopes, woodland edges and bluffs

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes
Flowers	Yes
Fruit	Yes
Seeds	Yes

Host to 93 caterpillar species
(common names) including: Walnut Sphinx;
Mourning Cloak; Variable Oakleaf Caterpillar;
Interrupted Dagger Moth; Blinded Sphinx;
Luna Moth; Imperial Moth; Polyphemus Moth

