Paper Birch

Betula papyrifera





Mature

General Attributes

Type Deciduous Tree 50 - 70 Feet Height **Spread** 25 - 50 Feet **Form** Rounded **Utility Lines** Incompatible **Growth Rate** Medium Life Expectancy Short **USDA** Zone 2 - 7 **Root Pattern** Shallow Lateral

Flowers/Foliage/Fruits

Flower Color Yellow Flower Season Spring Fruit Strobile **Fruit Color** Tan **Fruit Season** Summer **Summer Texture** Medium **Winter Texture** Fine **Spring Foliage** Green **Summer Foliage** Green **Fall Foliage** Yellow

Winter Foliage Not Applicable



Native Range

Plant Community

Sun Full Sun, Partial Sun Orientation North, East **Soil Texture** Sand to Silty Clay **Topography** Upland **Plant Community** Forest Succession Pioneer **Origin** MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, MSA Zone 4, MSA Zone 5, MSA Zone 6, Minnesota, North America

Soils

Salt Spray ToleranceModerateSoil Salt ToleranceModerateCompaction ToleranceIntolerantWater Table12 InchesDrainagePoor, ModerateFlood ToleranceSpray the Tolerance

Drought ToleranceSensitiveMoisture RegimeMoist, WetpH5.0 through 8.0

Windbreak Group

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Planting Ease		Maintenance	
Spring Bareroot	Difficult	Formal	Moderate
Fall Bareroot	Difficult	Informal	Moderate
Spring Container Easy Fall Container Easy	Fasy	2,4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
	Easy	Dicamba Tolerance	Sensitive
	Zusy	Picloram Tolerance	Sensitive
Spring Seed Fall Seed		Clopyralid Tolerance	
		Artificial Light	Sensitive
		Sulfur Dioxide	Sensitive
		Ozone Tolerance	Tolerant
		Hydrogen Flouride	Tolerant
		Nitrogen Oxide	

Pests/Prob	lems

Allergens	males 7, females 7	
Invasiveness	Non-Invasive	
Toxicity		
Cold Injury	Not Susceptible	
Storm Damage	Not Susceptible	
Biological Control		
Mechanical Control		

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating	Moderate
Insect Concerns	Major
Disease Concern	Minor
Wildlife Concerns	

Comments

Chemical Control

Needs cool protected sites. Grown for handsome bark and fall color. Bark used for canoes. Susceptible to bronze borch borer if stressed.



Bark



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Fall







Flower