

Betula nigra River birch



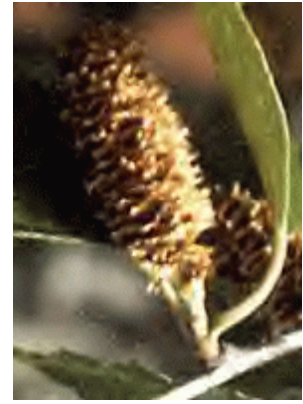
Summer Foliage



Fall Foliage



Summer Fruit



Spring Flower

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, deciduous tree

Appearance:

Height - 50 to 75 ft.

Aerial Spread - 35 to 50 ft.

Flower Color - Light green to yellow green

Flowering Period - Late April through early May

Fruit Color - Light green

Fruiting Period - June through early August

Habitat (Community): Stream banks, floodplain forest, forested wetlands

Hydrology:

Indicator status - Facultative wetland

Salinity - Resistant; tolerates infrequent flooding by water containing some salt

Non-Tidal Regime - Irregularly to seasonally inundated or saturated

Wildlife Benefits: (Seeds) food for ruffed grouse, redpoll, pine siskin.

Distribution: New Hampshire to Minnesota, south to Florida, and Texas