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Betula papyrifera

Paper Birch



A fast-growing, short-lived tree. Slender in form, may be single- or multi-trunked. Chalky white bark. Beautiful yellow fall foliage. Very attractive to birds and wildlife. Susceptible to birch borer and other disease and insect problems, but tends to perform better than the more commercially common European white birch.

Suggested companions: aspen (*Populus tremuloides*), white pine (*Pinus strobus*), bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*)

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Plant Type: Tree

Size: 50'-75' H
35-50' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Forested Upland
Forested Wetland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Yellow
Green

Bloom Time:

May
April

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Winter interest
Fall color
Wildlife attracting
Bird attracting
Butterfly attracting