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# *Dirca palustris*

## Leatherwood



A very pretty woodland shrub, with an interesting, horizontal branching pattern. Small clusters of bell-shaped yellow flowers emerge in early spring before the leaves. Fall color is a clear yellow. Thrives in semi-shade and good soil. Can be difficult to transplant, but once it's established it's problem-free.

**Suggested companions:** sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), blue cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*), merrybells (*Uvularia grandiflora*), yellow trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*).

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Plant Type: Shrub  
Size: 3-6' H  
3-6' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:  
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist

Exposure: filtered  
shade

Flower Color:  
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
March  
April

Other Attributes:  
Fall color