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Ostrya virginiana

Hop-hornbeam



Also called hop hornbeam. A medium-sized understory tree, rounded in shape. Handsome, sturdy, relatively free of insect or disease problems. Does well in partial shade. Taproot makes transplanting difficult; may be slow to establish. Seedpods are lovely - light brown, papery cones, resembling hop-flowers. Wonderful, slightly shaggy bark.

Suggested companions: oaks (*Quercus* sp.), hickories (*Carya* sp.), flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*), Bottle-brush grass (*Hystrix patula*), thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*)

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Plant Type: Small Tree
Size: 25-40' H
15-25' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: filtered
shade
sun

Flower Color: Red
Brown
Bloom Time: May

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:
Wildlife attracting
Bird attracting
Winter interest