



Species: *Betula lenta*

(bet'you-lah len'tah)

Sweet Birch; Black Birch; Cherry Birch

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree > 30 feet

Height: 40' - 70' (spread 35' - 40')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: pyramidal to irregular and spreading

Ornamental Other: Shiny cherry-like bark when young

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to neutral soil (pH 5.0 to 7.4)

Insect Disease

Potential problems are bronze birch borer and leaf miner; also may be susceptible to stem canker disease

Bare Root Transplanting

Moderately difficult

Other

Native from northeastern U.S., south to Alabama; inner bark is used for commercial wintergreen flavoring

Photos



Betula lenta - Bark



Betula lenta - Habit, Fall Interest



Betula lenta cones



Betula lenta - Habit



Betula lenta - Habit



Betula lenta - Bark



Betula lenta - Buds



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Betula lenta - Bark