

## Betula nigra - River Birch

Zone: 4a-8b

Height: 45'

Width: 30'

Crown: Upright, pyramidal

Growth Rate: Fast

Soil: Clay, loam, sand

pH: Acidic

Drainage: Well drained, flooding

Drought: Moderate

Salt: Moderate



Native to the East Coast and the Mississippi River Valley, this tree has one heck of a bark feature. It peels year round in the extreme in colors of pink, orange, brown and white. The tree itself is well behaved, either multi or single stem, and

tends toward an upright central leader. Lower branches tend to droop, so they should be removed as they become a problem. This exposes the trunk more, so it's a good thing Martha. The biggest boon of Betula nigra and its cultivars is that they are one of the few birches not susceptible to Bronze Birch Borer. All over the country Birches are dying limb by limb. This is the one to replant. Leaves are small and easy to rake up. The fall color is a clear yellow and quite attractive. The tree is upright oval but spreads with age. B. nigra is not particularly adapted to heat, so it may need irrigation and plenty of room to establish roots in the warmer end of its hardiness. Robison Nursery offers Betula nigra as multi-stem trees.

