

Ostrya virginiana

Hop Hornbeam

Zone: 3-9

Height: 30'

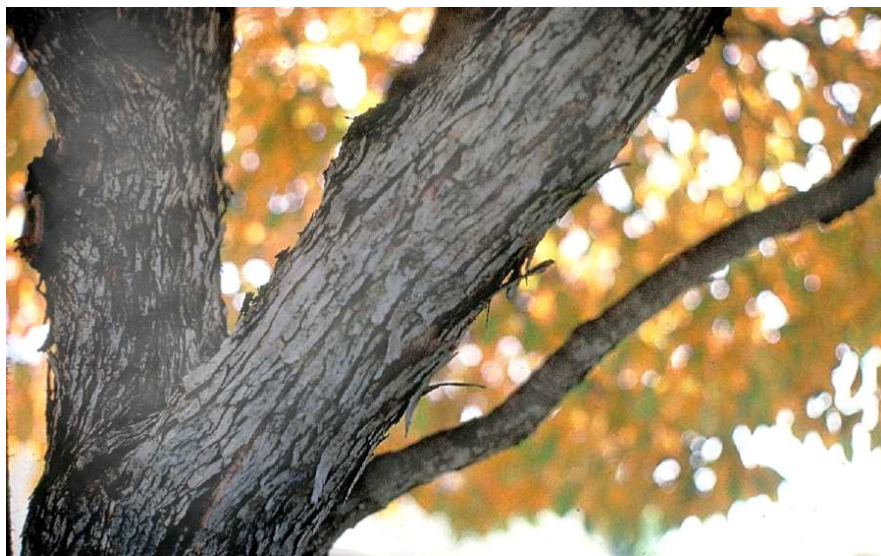
Width: 20'

Crown: Oval, round
Growth Rate: Slow
Soil: Clay, loam, sand
pH: Acid, alkaline
Drainage: Well drained
Drought: High tolerance
Salt: Poor tolerance
Pests: Few if any
Disease: Few if any



Ostrya is a shade loving plant that gets fairly large. It is a tough tree, tolerating various soils, including

alkaline conditions. It is hardy to Zone 3. It will not do well in too wet of conditions. It is well adapted to most urban sites, and needs little care once established. To look at the tree from afar, it seems to be only a clump of green leaves. But following the tree through the year, it has a pale tan chain of seed pods, contrasting nicely against the dark green leaves. Unseen, but welcome by



birds and squirrels, are small nutlets which ripen in summer and fall. The bark is ornamental, peeling in longitudinal strips, revealing orange under the grayish brown. Fall color of this tree is a showy yellow. So a tough tree for a tough spot. Ostrya is native to the east, but we bet it would be useful in the Mountain States. Robinson Nursery offers Ostrya as branched bare root trees.