

Celtis occidentalis

Hackberry

Zone: 3a-9b

Height: 60'

Width: 60'

Crown: Round to vase

Growth Rate: Fast

Soil: Clay, loam, sand

pH: Acid, alkaline

Drainage: Extended flooding, well drained

Drought: High tolerance

Pests: Few if any



Celtis occidentalis is a tough tree. Acid or Alkaline soil, drought, flood, salt, too tough for insects or disease. This tree is a standard for the more severe geographies and climates of the US. For all that, it doesn't have a lot of ornamental interest.

The flower and fruit is not showy. Fall color is yellow. Summer leaves are an odd shape but no more attractive than any other green leaf. Its value comes from the fact that it is a big green tree that will grow where most other trees have problems. Sometimes just being tough is enough. Robinson Nursery offers Celtis occidentalis in whips and branched trees.