

Paper Birch *Betula papyrifera*



- **Plant Characteristics:** A native medium to tall tree which is loosely pyramidal when young, developing an irregular oval crown when mature. Single or multiple stemmed. Greenland, Labrador to British Columbia, Alaska and Washington south to Pennsylvania, Michigan, Nebraska, and Montana
- **Size:** Height: 30–50'
Width: 20–40'
- **Foliage:** Glabrous and dark green above, pubescent on veins beneath.
- **Flower:** Catkins 1-4", greenish to brownish.
- **Fruit:** Heart-shaped, winged nutlets attached to tiny oval seeds.
- **Soil:** Does best on moist, loamy or sandy soils .
- **Rate of Growth:** Medium to fast.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 2
- **Light Range:** Full sun
- **pH Range:** Tolerates higher pH
- **Other:** - Roots are shallow and superficial, subject to wind topple.
 - Thin, smooth bark, is reddish-brown when young, turning papery white with age.
 - Does best on well-drained, moist sites.
 - Does not tolerate drought. Similar to aspen in water needs.