

Betula lenta - Plant



river birch

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Sales price R 123,456

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Description Betula lenta is a species of birch native to eastern North America, from southern Maine west to southernmost Ontario, and south in the Appalachian Mountains to northern Georgia

Common name: river birch

Color: brown or yellow

Bloom time: April to May

Height: 40.00 to 70.00 feet

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & Care

The wood of sweet birch is medium heavy, medium hard and dark brown with a little red. Sapwood is light brown or yellow. The wood, which tends to warp, slowly gets darker after it is exposed to air. Over time, furniture made from sweet birch looks like mahogany, and its wood is stronger than mahogany and black cherry. It takes about 150 years for sweet birch to reach a size that appeals to loggers.

Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Medium to wet

Temperature: 7° C (45° F)

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

- The inner bark of sweet birch has a strong wintergreen scent, which led to its use in the production of oil of wintergreen.
- The wintergreen produced from sweet birch is identical to that produced by the wintergreen plant
- In the past, people who lived in the Appalachians cut down large numbers of sweet birches to produce oil of wintergreen.
- Around 100 saplings and young trees were needed to produce a quart of the product, which was sold to druggists to flavor candy and medicines.
- Oil of wintergreen is now produced synthetically.

Special Feature:

Specimen or small groupings for lawns, parks and commercial properties, and, in particular, for wet soils along ponds, streams or in low spots.
Use

Medicinal use:

- Betula lenta Cherry Birch, Sweet birch, Black Birch, Cherry Birch .
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- Medicinal Uses.

Culinary use:

- commercially in the past for production of oil

Note:

for medicinal use, please consult appropriate doctor / physician before use.

Reference:

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=x800> <http://www.uky.edu/hort/Sweet-Birch>