

## Betula lenta - Plant



It can be used as specimen or small groupings for lawns, parks and commercial properties, and, in particular, for wet soils along ponds, streams or in low spots.

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Description

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## Description for Betula lenta

**Plant height:** 3 - 6 inches

**Plant spread:**

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.

**Common name(s):** river birch

**Flower colours:** brown or yellow

**Bloom time:** April to May

**Max reachable height:** 40.00 to 70.00 feet

**Difficulty to grow:** easy to grow

## Planting and care

Easily grown average, medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade.

**Sunlight:** Full sun to part shade

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium to wet

**Temperature:** 7Â° C (45Â° F)

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

## Caring for Betula lenta

- River birch is perhaps the most culturally adaptable and heat tolerant of the birches. Prefers moist, acidic, fertile soils including semi-aquatic conditions, but also tolerates drier soils.
- Consider using soaker hoses and bark mulches to keep the root zones cool and moist. Adapts well to heavy clay soils of Missouri and will tolerate poor drainage.
- Avoid pruning in spring when the sap is running.

## Typical uses of Betula lenta

**Special features:** Over time, furniture made from sweet birch looks like mahogany, and its wood is stronger than mahogany and black cherry.

**Culinary use:** Commercially in the past for production of oil

**Medicinal use:** In every form, birch makes an excellent tonic and detoxifier, mainly working on the urinary system to remove waste products, as in kidney or bladder stone, gravel, gout, and rheumatism.

## References

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