

**Celtis Occidentalis Common Hackberry**



Commonly known as the sugarberry or false elm, the hackberry is a member of the elm (*Ulmaceae*) family. The genus *Celtis* comes from the Latin name of the African lotus tree in reference to its sweet fruit while the specific epithet *occidentalis* means western or of the western hemisphere, appropriately named by Carl Linnaeus (a Swedish botanist).

<b>Category:</b> Deciduous tree
<b>Hardiness:</b> Zone 3-9
<b>Foliage:</b> Light to medium green
<b>Bark:</b> Gray bark covered with corky warts and ridges
<b>Shape:</b> In youth weekly pyramidal; old age broad crown with ascending branches
<b>Mature Size:</b> 40-60ft tall by 40-60ft wide
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Moderate to Fast
<b>Shade:</b> Full Sun,
<b>Adaptability:</b> Very adaptable to floodplains, open fields, along roadsides and in fencerows
<b>Native Habitat:</b> Quebec to Manitoba, south to Georgia & Oklahoma
<b>Uses:</b> lawn tree or street tree

