

River Birch

(Betula nigra)

Mature Height: 30'-40'

Mature Spread: 15'-30'

Growth Rate: Very Fast

Fall color: Yellow

River Birch is native to the Midwest, and is well adapted to the climate and soil condition. It grows fast and tolerates wet soils well. In drought conditions though, even mature trees will need water on drier sites. As the tree matures, the cinnamon-colored bark peels in sheets. The leaves turn yellow in the fall. It is an excellent ornamental tree and will grow well in groups where



there is some shade as well as full sun. It can also be grown as a single stem tree. Due to its adaptability and fast growth, the River Birch can quickly grow to provide shade and interest in your yard. It is resistant to damage by the bronze birch borer that causes so many problems with the white birch species.

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