

# BLACK ALDER

*Alnus glutinosa*



Ohio Department of Natural Resources

<b>Mature Height</b>	50-70 Feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	Deep
<b>Mature Spread</b>	20-30 Feet	<b>Flower Color</b>	Inconspicuous
<b>Mature Form</b>	Columnar	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Dark Green
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Rapid	<b>Fall Color</b>	None
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Full Sun to Partial Shade	<b>Zones</b>	4-7
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	Moist		

The Black Alder, *Alnus glutinosa*, is not a native and was once considered a nice ornamental shade tree for urban areas or wet sites. As it matures, this tree often goes from a pyramidal shape to one that is more flat-topped and columnar. The Black Alder has small woody cones that usually develop in October. Shortly thereafter, the tree drops its leaves while they are still green or brown.

The Black Alder grows well on difficult sites. This tree prefers moist soils, but will adapt to other soil types as well.

***Now considered invasive by most experts. Do not plant. This fact sheet is provided to help identify this tree.***



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