

# RIVER BIRCH

*Betula nigra*



Grand Traverse, MI Conservation District

<b>Mature Height</b>	40-60 Feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	Widely Adaptable
<b>Mature Spread</b>	25-35 Feet	<b>Flower Color</b>	Inconspicuous
<b>Mature Form</b>	Round Irregular	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Green
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Rapid	<b>Fall Color</b>	Yellow
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Full Sun to Partial Shade	<b>Zones</b>	3-9
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	Moist to Damp		

The River Birch tree, *Betula nigra*, is a very handsome tree for estates, parks, golf courses, and other large areas. This native tree displays a light reddish brown cinnamon bark that peels and flakes to give the beautiful look for which the birch family is known. The River Birch has dark green summer foliage and turns a golden yellow in the fall.

The River Birch, though it survives in dry soils, is best adapted to moist, acidic soils. For this reason, this deciduous tree can withstand extended periods of flooding. It can be planted as a specimen or as a windbreak, 20 feet apart in the row. The River Birch is easy to transplant and heat tolerant. It is best not to prune this tree in spring.



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