

Hackberry produces pistillate (female) and staminate (male) flowers on the same tree, as well as a few perfect flowers. All flowers are greenish-yellow and about $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Flowers held in small clusters (pistillate flowers can be solitary).



The fruit is a small drupe (1/3" diameter) that ripens to a red-purple color in fall.



The alternate leaves are ovate with an oblique (offset) base. They are 3 to 5 inches long. The margin is serrate.



The stems are dark brown and marked by white lenticels. They tend to zig-zag. Buds are lighter brown and held close to the stem.





Form is usually round to broad. Height often 60 to 80 feet.



Fall color is yellow to yellow-green.



Celtis occidentalis

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Mature bark has a distinctly warty appearance.

