

Corylus americana

American Hazelnut

Height: 10.00 to 16.00 feet (6-12' or 4-15')

Spread: 8.00 to 13.00 feet

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Soil Moisture: Mesic to Dry

Soil Types: Sand, Loam, Clay, Rocky

Bloom Time: March to April

Bloom Description: Yellowish-brown male catkins in late winter and early spring. The red female bloom is tiny. Both pictured.

Leaf: Fall color varies from bright yellow to deep wine-red

Fruit: Edible nut with ragged papery husk. The sweet edible nuts can be eaten raw or used in cooking. High in protein and very nutritious.

Uses: Hedge. Best grown informally in naturalized areas, open woodland gardens or prairies where it can be allowed to spread. May also be used as a screen or as a planting for the rear of a shrub border.

Wildlife: Nuts eaten by Ring-Necked Pheasant, Bobwhite Quail, Wild Turkey, Ruffed Grouse, Greater Prairie Chicken, Red-Bellied Woodpecker, and Blue Jay. Excellent cover for various kinds of wildlife and ideal nesting habitat for many songbirds. The value of this shrub to wildlife is fairly high.

Nectar:

Larval Host: Juvenal's Duskywing

Pollinators: Wind

Deer Resistant: No

Comments: Prompt removal of root suckers will help maintain plant appearance, and, if desired, help prevent thicket formation. Can be pruned anytime.

