



## White Birch (multi)

*Betula verrucosa*

01-07



<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones A2, A3, 1-12, 14-24	Full sun	Loam and sand	Regular watering	Small cone like fruit provide a winter display	30-40 feet

The graceful white birch, often planted in yards as an ornamental tree, is native to the Connecticut River Valley. This species grows wild throughout northern North America, and can be found in woods, most easily identified by its pure white bark that peels off the trunk in thin, paper-like layers. Another of this plant's common names, paper birch, and its scientific name, *Betula papyrifera*, which means paper-bearing birch, reflect the paper-like nature of the tree's outer bark.

Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands made extensive use of the white birch. All parts of the plant had practical uses, but the bark was by far the most important raw material. Birch bark played a key role in the manufacture of canoes for transportation, wigwams for shelter, and a host of useful implements made by the many tribes and nations of the Northeast.