

IRONWOOD

Ostrya virginiana

Height: 30-50' **Spread:** 25'

Location: Zone 3, sun to shade, prefers moist, well-drained soil, but will tolerate dry sites.

Shape: Broad, oval crown.

Foliage: Green, yellow in the fall.

Notes: A native tree with gray bark and a slender branching habit. Catkins in the spring are followed by small fruit resembling hops. Ironwood is hard wooded, shade tolerant, and grows in most soils. The root system is shallow and the growth rate is very slow. Ironwood tolerates pruning, is hard to transplant, and has a yellow fall color.

