

# Blue Beech

## *American Hornbeam*

(*Carpinus caroliniana*)



This prized tree is known for its attractive blue-gray bark that is fluted with long sinewy ridges, as well as its very hard wood. Great tree for wildlife and bird habitat with its seed catkins and also a host for butterflies. Fall color can range from orange to red. Shade and drought tolerant and very soil versatile.

## Characteristics

<b><i>Height</i></b>	25'
<b><i>Spread</i></b>	25'
<b><i>Shape</i></b>	Spreading
<b><i>Foliage</i></b>	Green
<b><i>Fall Color</i></b>	Orange to Red
<b><i>Exposure</i></b>	Full Sun to Full Shade
<b><i>Hardiness</i></b>	Zone 3
<b><i>Deer Resistance</i></b>	High
<b><i>Annual Growth Rate</i></b>	4-8"