



Paper Birch
Betula papyrifera
 Betulaceae

Description

The Paper Birch is native to North Dakota. Its bark has been used to make canoes, buckets, and as a paper substitute. Like Maples, its sap can be boiled down to make birch syrup. The leaves, shoots, and catkins can also be eaten cooked or raw. They prefer to grow in moist sites such as along rivers and lakes.

General Information

Zone: 4-6	Soil Texture: Sand, Loam	Fall Color: Bright Yellow
Height: 50-70'	Soil pH: 5.0-7.5	Bloom Color: Brown, Green
Width: 25-45'	Exposure: Full Sun	Bloom Time: Early Spring
Habit: Pyramidal in youth, Irregular oval at maturity	Water Needs: Average	Fragrance: None
Growth Rate: >24" per year	Soil Drainage: Well-Poorly Drained	Fruit Color: Brown
	Other: Not Drought	Fruiting Time: Summer-Fall
	Attributes: Tolerant	Fruit Flavor: Inedible
		Attracts: Birds & Small Mammals

Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](http://thespruce.com)
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](http://ncsu.edu)
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](http://mortonarboretum.org)
[WSU PNW Plants](http://wsu.edu)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](http://arborday.org)
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(umn.edu\)](http://umn.edu)
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org)
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](http://nds.edu)