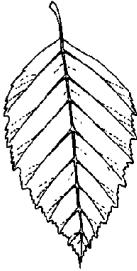


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Like many Birches the leaf is coarsely saw-toothed, but the River Birch's leaf can be even slightly lobed. It is sharply pointed and the base of the leaf is not indented.

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*Betula nigra*

**River Birch**

**Red Birch**

*Betula nigra*

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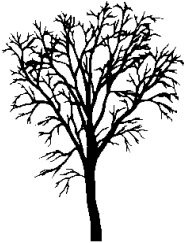
**Red Birch**



The cones are usually longer than an inch and grow upright near the ends of the twigs. The scales of the cone are long, even hairy, brown when mature. Even the young twigs are hairy.

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This is a large tree with an open crown, often with multiple trunks but thin, supple, branches. The bark is silver gray to shiny light brown, peeling into papery strips.

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As suggested by the name this Birch thrives in wet soils. It is the only Birch which has its fruit maturing in the late spring when the waters usually recede leaving fertile loam to nurture the seedlings.

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