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Like other mulberries, the toothed leaves are 3-5 inches long and are variously shaped, sometimes with fantastic lobes, sometimes without, on the same tree. The leaf, suspended on a long stalk is glossy above. Sassafras leaves also come in a variety of highly lobed shapes, but those leaves have smooth edges.

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Morus alba

White Mulberry

Silkworm Mulberry

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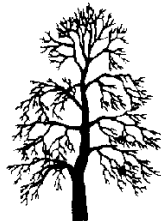
Silkworm Mulberry



The berry is formed like a blackberry, but on the female trees are white - hence the tree's name. The tree is very productive and the berries are the favorite of many birds. Because of this copious production it is often considered a messy variety.

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A smaller tree, the White Mulberry can grow to 40 feet. It often has multiple trunks and a dense branching pattern. The bark is smooth and light brown, breaking into broad scales in older trees.

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The White Mulberry was imported into America in a vain attempt to spawn a silk industry: the leaves are the main food source of the Oriental silkworm. It is the chemicals in the milky sap which the worms convert into fine silken threads.

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