

Carolina Hornbeam / Ironwood

Carpinus caroliniana

Category: Deciduous

Growth Rate: Slow

Adaptability: Full sun to full shade, tolerates clay soil

Shape: Oval

Size: 25-50' tall, 15-25' wide

Fall Color: Attractive orange, red and yellow

Wildlife Value: Seeds are consumed by the yellow-rumped warbler.

Description: The extremely hard wood of this native tree was used by early Americans to make bowls, tool handles and ox yokes. Blue-gray bark is tight, thin and smooth giving it a “muscular” appearance.

