



Botanical Name:	<i>Betula nigra</i> L.	(BET yoo luh NYE gruh)
Common Name(s):	River Clump Birch also known as River, Red or Black Birch	
Height:	40' – 80'	
Form, Branch, Twigs:	Irregular spreading crown. Shiny pinkish-brown to silvery-gray bark with papery scales, which becomes thick, fissured and shaggy. Hairy, slender reddish-brown twigs with flowers near the tip	
Fruit/Seeds:	Drooping yellowish male and short upright greenish female catkins. One to 1 ½" long brown cones are hairy with hairy two-winged nutlets (late Spring or early Summer).	
Leaves:	Ovate (1 ½" -3" by 1"-2 ¼") shiny green above, whitish below (often hairy) double saw-toothed or slightly lobed with 7-9 veins on each side of leaf.	
Habitat	Moist soils, can stand quite a bit of water	

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