

# Sugarberry

## *Celtis laevigata*

### The Elm Family (Ulmaceae)

**Basic Description:** Medium sized tree with rounded crown and slightly drooping branches; alternate, deciduous leaves and grayish, warty bark. Also called Hackberry.

**Interesting Facts:** Sweet fruit can be consumed by humans. Mixtures created from the bark used for treating sore throats, indigestion and sexually transmitted diseases. Excellent native tree for urban planting. Wood is used for producing furniture, posts and plywood. Host to the Hackberry Emperor Butterfly.

**Flower:** Greenish-white, .125", produced on stalks near twig appearing in spring.

**Fruit:** Fleshy, orange-red to purple, short stalked drupe .25 to .375" in diameter; maturing in fall.

**Wildlife Value:** Fruit, leaves and flowers are used by fruit-eating songbirds, mammals and pollinating insects; provides cover for birds, mammals and insects.

**Habitat:** Thickets, open woodlands, streams and river banks.

#### LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



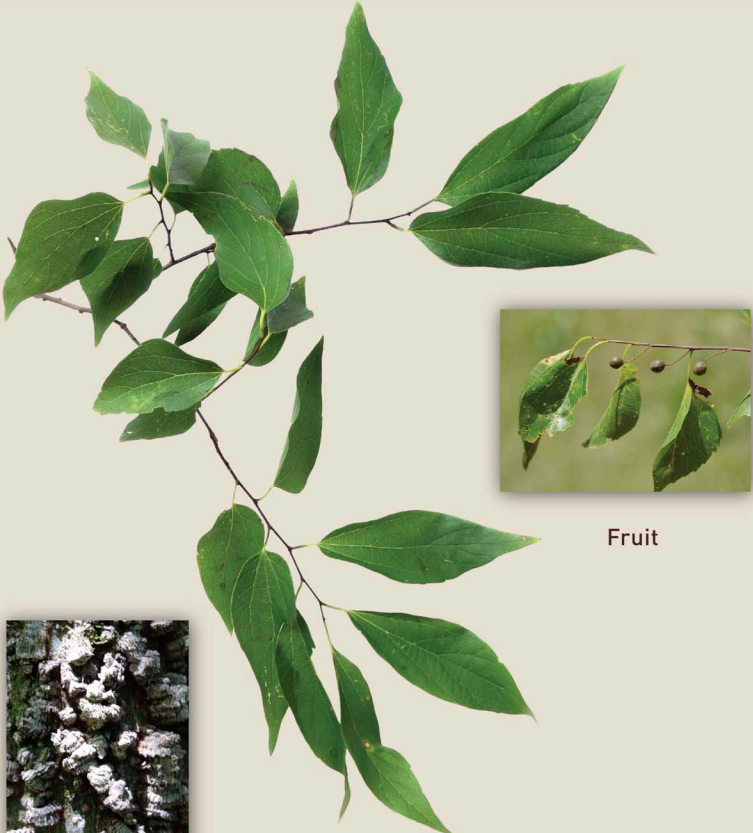
#### POLLINATOR

INSECTS



#### WILDLIFE VALUE

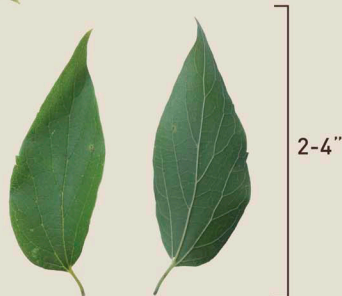
HIGH



Fruit



Bark



Height range 60-100'

