

HOP-HORNBEAM/IRONWOOD

(*Ostrya virginiana*)



Paul Wray



Key Features:



Jonathon Jongσμα

Leaves and Fruit

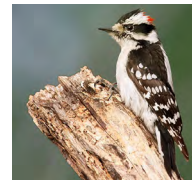
With simple serrated leaves, it's the intriguing fruit that gives this understory tree its name. The clusters of seeds in papery capsules look like hops, and are valued by wildlife for food.



Steve Baskauf

Bark

The cracks and crevices between this "cat scratch" bark make the perfect overwintering place for many beneficial insects, including predators to plant pests!



Wolfgang Wander

Visitors to Explore

In addition to the many songbirds that feed the insects that use this tree as a host to their nestlings, others like the purple finch and this downy woodpecker prize the seeds as food.

Is hop-hornbeam right for you?



20-40 ft tall, 5-12 ft wide

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