

Tree Factsheet

Betula papyrifera

Common Name: Paper birch

French Name: Bouleau a

papier **Species Code:** BEPA

This **Medium** tree can grow up to **20 to 30** metres tall.

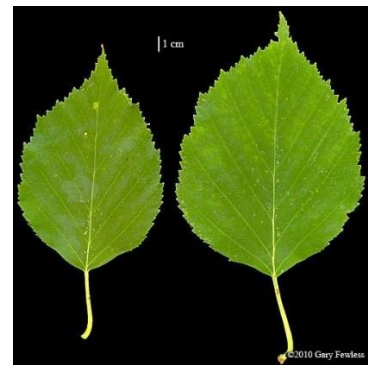


General information:

The leaves are dark green and smooth on the upper surface, the lower surface is often pubescent on the veins. They are alternately arranged on the stem, oval to triangular in shape, 5-10 cm (2-4 in) long and about 2/3 as wide. The leaf is rounded at the base and tapering to an acutely pointed tip. The leaves have a doubly serrate margin with relatively sharp teeth. Each leaf has a petiole about 2.5 cm (1 in) long which connects it to the stems. Paper birch is a typically short lived species. It handles heat and humidity poorly and may only live 30 years in zones six and up, while trees in colder-climate regions can grow over 100 years. *B. papyrifera* will grow on many soil types, from steep rocky outcrops to flat muskegs of the boreal forest. Best growth occurs on deeper, well drained to dry soils depending on the location.

Description and characteristics:

It is a medium-sized deciduous tree typically reaching 20 metres (66 ft) tall, and exceptionally to 130 feet (40 m) with a trunk up to 30 inches (76 cm) in diameter. Within forests it often grows with a single trunk but when grown as a landscape tree it may develop multiple trunks or branch close to the ground.



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