

Botanical Name: Celtis sinensis

Common Name: Chinese hackberry

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape mostly single-trunked, with rapid growth to form a loose
rounded canopy; primary branches tend to arch outward, with branchlets
arranged in two-ranked pattern; bark is smooth, gray

Height 25'-40' (50') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred - tolerates partial

Soil tolerates most except strongly alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-16, 18-21): thrives at inland locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, pinnate with prominent veins; ovate;
2"-4" long, with coarsely serrate margins near apex

Flowers inconspicuous, in catkins

Fruit a small drupe; brown when mature

Propagation: seed (germinates very easily - rather invasive)

Usage: a fast-growing shade tree for harsher climate areas - a
good substitute for Elm species; best for woodlands, oriental or mediterranean-
theme gardens; produces golden yellow fall color in colder areas

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering (results in very rapid growth)
but is very drought-tolerant

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head high and thin to develop primary framework

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions easily controlled in size by reducing irrigation

Origin: Eastern China, Japan Family: Ulmaceae