

# AMERICAN HAZELNUT



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## SITING

**SUNLIGHT** full to part sun  
**SOIL** sand, loam, light clay, dense compact clay

## EDIBLE

yes; nuts eaten raw or cooked

## INTERESTING FACTS

- nut traditionally used to flavour soups
- provides ideal nesting habitat for songbirds due to dense branching structure
- nuts produced have a higher nutritional value than acorns and beechnuts and are often eaten by squirrels, woodpeckers, deer and grouse



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## FORM

**HEIGHT** 12 feet  
**WIDTH** 8 feet

dense, rounded crown with spreading, ascending branches



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## LEAF

simple, darker green above and pale green below, broadly oval, heart-shaped base with double serrate edges; emerge in spring



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## FALL COLOUR

shades of yellow, orange, red and purple



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## FLOWER

long, light brown to yellow male catkins and tiny, inconspicuous, scaly, grey-brown female buds with protruding bright pink to red stigma and styles; emerge in early spring before the leaves



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## FRUIT

small, light brown, egg-shaped nuts encased in green to brown leafy, coarsely-toothed husks



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## MATURE FRUIT

mature in late summer

