



LOOK FOR SERRATED
LEAVES!



AMERICAN HORNBEAM

CARPINUS CAROLINIANA

This native understory tree has smooth, gray, muscle-like fluted bark. The light brown winged nutlets surrounded by a three-lobed bract in dangling clusters are present in the fall. The doubly serrated leaf margins have pointed tips and emerge reddish-purple, change to dark green, and then yellow to orange-red in the fall.



TYPE:
Deciduous



SIZE:
30 feet high
30 feet wide



SUN:
Full sun, part shade, full shade



FLOWERS:
Small, inconspicuous



USDA ZONES:
3-9



ID TIPS:
Gray muscle-like trunks;
doubly serrated leaf
margins with pointed tips



WILDLIFE VALUE:
Nutlets are eaten by
finches and wild turkeys.



INTERESTING FACT:
This tree is also called
muscle wood due to
the fluted stems that
resemble muscles. The
hard wood is used to
make golf clubs, tool
handles and mallets.

