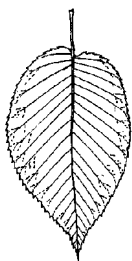


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Sharply saw-toothed, the elliptical leaf is long pointed and notched at the base. With 11 or more veins on each side, it is dark green on top and yellow green on the underside.

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Betula lenta

Sweet Birch

Cherry Birch

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The typical catkins of the Birch family are found in droops at the ends of the twigs. The cones grow upright, nearly stalkless, and are nearly hairless.

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The young bark is shiny dark brown, almost black but peppered with white dashes. It is smooth, but doesn't peel like some other Birches. Like the Black Cherry the bark is broken into scales.

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The bark and inner wood produces the oil of wintergreen used in medicine, perfumes and candies. In early spring the sap is fermented to produce the famous birch beer.

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