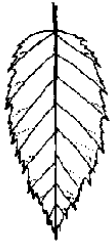


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While related to the birches, not the beeches, the Hornbeam has a beech-like leaf which is pointed and has striking parallel veins. The main difference is the Hornbeam leaf is doubly serrated with teeth not only at the end of the veins, but between as well.

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Carpinus caroliniana

Hornbeam

Blue Beech

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The flowers are catkins found along the branches, not at the tip like the Hop-Hornbeam. The fruit is a small seed borne on distinctive 3-lobed bracts.

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A key feature of the Hornbeam is its beech-like blue-gray smooth bark. It is a short shrubby tree with strangely muscular or twisted trunks and branches. These twists evolve into vertical ridges.

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This muscle-bound looking tree has a leaf and flower similar to the Hop-Hornbeam, but the bark and trunk of the Blue Beech are dead giveaways. In autumn the American Hornbeam will turn red-orange and scarlet while the Hop-Hornbeam changes to a clear yellow.

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