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One of the characteristics of mulberries is the variety of shapes its leaf can take. The Paper Mulberry leaf can be simple or have many rounded lobes. The soft silky hairs on the underside of the leaf are a key identifier.

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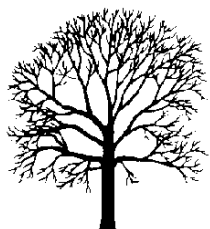
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The fruit which is less than an inch round, orangish and hairy, matures in early summer. Unlike the other mulberries, the male flowers are up to 3 inch long catkins, and the female flowers are small, green, hairy spheres.

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The trunk is ordinarily light gray, but due to a common disease, it may seem convoluted and contorted in a way that makes a young tree look old. It is a small tree, often a rounded shrub.

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As the Latin name indicates, paper was made from the fibrous inner bark. It was also used in the South Seas to produce cloth. In America this is a colonial tree, introduced in early Williamsburg and Jamestown.

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