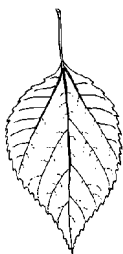


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Like other mulberries the leaves are variously lobed, sometimes without lobes, but always toothed. The Red Mulberry leaf has a rough upper side with its veins seeming to be imbedded into the surface. Also look for a sharp tip.

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Morus rubra

Red Mulberry

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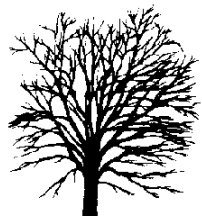
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A key difference between the Red and White Mulberries is the color of their fruit: red or white. The blackberry-like fruit of the Red is over an inch long, while that of the White is less than an inch.

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A medium sized tree with a short trunk and rounded crown, the Red Mulberry can grow to 60 feet. Typical of mulberries, the sap is milky. The bark is dark brown and breaks into fissures to develop scaly plates.

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The mulberry family is related to the tropical fig and rubber trees - the milky sap of which is the latex of natural rubber. It is reported that the Choctaw Indians made clothing from the inner bark after soaking it in water and ash for a long period.

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