



(photos from Minnesota Power Treebook)

## **American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)**

Origin: Seed grown; native to Michigan

Mature Size: Small (<25' tall)

Description: American hornbeam (a.k.a. blue-beech, ironwood) is a slow-growing tree with rounded form and smooth gray bark. It performs best in partially shaded locations with well-drained soil and adequate moisture, but it will tolerate clay soil. It is not recommended for planting in tree lawns (between the sidewalk and street), but will grow reasonably well in open lawn areas (especially with light shade). Fall color varies from yellow to yellow-brown or reddish-brown. It will produce seeds.