



Hackberry produces pistillate (female) and staminate (male) flowers on the same tree, as well as a few [perfect](#) flowers. All flowers are greenish-yellow and about ¼". Flowers held in small clusters (pistillate flowers can be [solitary](#)).



The fruit is a small [drupe](#) (1/3" diameter) that ripens to a red-purple color in fall.



The [alternate](#) leaves are [ovate](#) with an oblique (offset) base. They are 3 to 5 inches long. The [margin](#) is [serrate](#).



The stems are dark brown and marked by white [lenticels](#). The tend to zig-zag. Buds are lighter brown and held close to the stem.





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*Celtis occidentalis*  
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Form is usually round to broad. Height often 60 to 80 feet.



Mature bark has a distinctly warty appearance.



Fall color is yellow to yellow-green.

