



IRONWOOD

(*Ostrya virginiana*)



Soil Type: No preference.

Moisture: Dry or wet.

Drainage Requirements:

Prefers well-drained, slightly acidic soils.

Sun/Shade: Very shade-tolerant but tolerates full sun with ample moisture.

Maximum Height:

Up to 40 ft (12m)

Max Width/Spread:

20 ft (6m)

Growth Rate: Slow

Flowers: April

Fun Fact: Ironwood is a "slow and steady" kind of tree that takes its time to reach maturity. This tree will thrive in shady and difficult growing conditions, making it a great species to plant in the shade of a mature tree. When planted in full sun on lighter soils, ironwood needs a generous amount of mulch, up to 8 cm deep, and extra watering.

It's wood can be used for tools or fire wood, but you'll have to work for it! The Ironwood is the densest, hardest wood of our native tree species.

Suitable For: Backyards. Anyone looking for a beautiful shade tree where growing conditions might be poor. This tree is tolerant of many soil types and moisture levels, however, this tree does not tolerate standing water, so plant this tree in a well-drained area.

Not Suitable For: Locations that may expose the tree to salt in the winter.

Pests?: Few

Maintenance Level:

Low, not a lot of mess.

Avg Lifespan: 100 years

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