American Hornbeam, Musclewood, Ironwood

Carpinus caroliniana

Hardiness Zone 4

Mature Height 20-30 feet

Mature Form Rounded to broad-

spreading

Features Crisp, green summer

foliage; smooth gray bark and branches with a sinewy or muscled appearance; red-orange fall color No common problems

Insect or Diseases

Culture Full sun to shade; best in

moist soils, but tolerates both wet and dry sites; prefers slightly acid to

neutral soil pH

Notes This is an understory tree in

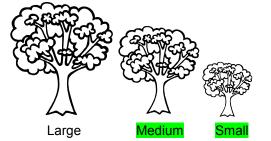
the forest so it is able to withstand a great deal of

shade



Size

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Wind	Yes
Wet Sites	Yes
Dry Sites	Yes
Alkaline Soil	No
Salt	No
Air Pollution	No
Soil Compaction	No

Uses

Windbreak	No
Street	Yes
Specimen	No
Shade	Yes
Massing	Yes
Screen	No
Patio	Yes
Shade Massing Screen	Yes Yes No