

A. Waldbart and Sons Nursery

Carpinus caroliniana American Hornbeam, Blue Beech, Musclewood

Zone: 3-9

Height: 20'-30'

Width: 20'-30'

Crown: Oval

Growth Rate: Slow

Soil: Clay, loam, sand



Photo: Mike Yannv

Carpinus caroliniana is one of the finest trees available in the trade, and should be used more in the landscape industry. While a nice, adaptable small tree, it has two main features: the splendid fall color and the interesting bark. Fall color is usually orange red. The bark is gray and looks like a muscular arm, therefore the name. In full sun the tree grows compactly, and in shade, it has an open structure. Fall color, hardiness and vigor can range in native populations.