

## Blue Beech

*Carpinus caroliniana*

#10 Container

\$50



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**Mature height x width:** 20-35' x 15-30'

**Light:** Full sun, partial sun, shade

**Moisture:** Moist to wet

**Soil:** Sandy loam to silty loam

**Tolerates...** Acidic soil, alkaline soils, clay, periodic flooding.

**Does not tolerate...** Soil compaction, road salt, drought

**Ash replacement?** ✗

**Buckthorn replacement?** ✓

**Shoreline buffer zone?** ✓

**Seasonal interest:** Papery hop-like fruit in summer, interesting bark.

**Resilience to climate change:** High adaptability

**Pollinator and wildlife value:** High

### Other notes:

Blue beech or musclemwood, is a small, shade tolerant tree with smooth fluted bark and multi-colored foliage in the fall. Interesting fruit is enjoyed by birds and other wildlife. Not commonly seen in the home landscape, this underused native performs well in many settings. Plant in a more formal shade garden space or in a forested space.