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Corylus americana

American Hazelnut - American Filbert

Family - Corylaceae

The American Filbert is a multi-stemmed perennial shrub with a rounded top and an open, often wide-spreading base. Monoecious (separate male and female flowers on the same plant). In early spring, male flowers appear in showy, 2-3" long, yellowish brown catkins and female flowers appear in small, reddish, inconspicuous catkins. Female flowers give way to small, egg-shaped, 1/2" long, edible nuts (maturing July-August) which are encased in leafy, husk-like, ragged-edged bracts.

Plant Characteristics

Duration: Perennial

Habit: Deciduous Shrub

Leaf: Green

Fruit: Tiny Pink

Size Class: Height: 10- 15 ft. Spread: 8-13 ft.

Zone: 4-9

Bloom Information

Bloom Color: Pink, male catkins

Bloom Time: February, March, April

Distribution

USA: AL , AR , CT , DC , DE , GA , IA , IL , IN , KS , KY , LA , MA , MD , ME , MI , MN , MO , MS , NC , ND , NE , NH , NJ , NY , OH , OK , PA , RI , SC , SD , TN , VA , VT , WI , WV

Canada: MB , NB , ON , QC , SK

Native Distribution: S. ME to Sask., s. to GA & e. OK

Native Habitat: Thickets; upland forests; rocky hillsides; pastures

Growing Conditions

Water Use: Medium

Light Requirement: Full sun - Part shade

Soil Moisture: Dry, Moist

Soil Description: acidic, alkaline, loamy, moist, rich, sandy, well-drained and clay soils. It is drought-tolerant.

Propagation

Description: Propagate by seed or softwood cuttings. Rooting percentages for cuttings are usually low.

Seed Collection: Not Available

Commercially Avail: yes

Benefit

Use by Honeybees: Good supply of early season pollen but no nectar. Pollen packets are green-yellowish