

## Understory Trees

### River Birch *Betula nigra*

Native

50-70' tall  
Prefers moist river bottom soil but adaptable  
Full sun  
Showy exfoliating creamy orange bark  
Medium to fast growth rate



### Eastern Redbud *Cercis canadensis*

Native

20-30' tall, 25-35' wide  
Moist, well-drained soil but adaptable  
Full sun to light shade  
Showy small purplish-pink pea-like flowers  
Blooms late April to early May  
Bright yellow fall foliage



### Pagoda Dogwood *Cornus alternifolia*

Native

15-25' tall and wide  
Prefers cool, moist acidic soil  
Prefers partial shade  
Showy white bracts  
Blooms during May and June  
Purplish black fruit ripen in July



### Common Witchhazel *Hamamelis virginiana*

Native

10-15' tall and wide  
Prefers moist, cool acidic soil  
Full sun to partial shade  
Showy clear yellow fall foliage  
Last woody plant to flower  
Spider-like yellow petals  
Bloom October and November after foliage drop



## Understory Trees, cont.

### Shadblow Serviceberry *Amelanchier canadensis*

Native

6-20' tall

Prefers wet sites

Full sun

Small white flowers bloom late March

Sweet, edible red fruit changes to black

Gold fall color



### Downy Serviceberry *Amelanchier arborea*

Native

15-25' tall

Prefers moist, well-drained, acidic soil

Full sun to partial shade

Red edible fruit, ripens in June, favorite of birds

White flowers bloom early spring

Yellow-orange to red fall color

Smooth, grayish bark "striped" with vertical fissures

Very ornamental



### Green Hawthorn *Crataegus viridis*

Native

25-30' tall

Prefers moist, fertile soil

Full sun is best

Easy to grow, slow growth rate

White flowers bloom in late May

Small bright red fruit persists through winter

Thorns 1.5" long

Attracts birds



### American Yellowwood *Cladrastis kentukea*

30-50' tall and wide

Prefers moist, fertile, well-drained soil

Full sun

White fragrant pea-like flowers bloom early June

Showy yellow, gold and orange fall foliage

Attractive smooth light gray bark



### Understory Trees, cont.

#### **Sourwood** *Oxydendrum arboretum*

25-30' tall  
Prefers a moist, acidic, peaty, well-drained soil  
Full sun to partial shade  
Fragrant flowers bloom mid-July  
Fall foliage ranges from scarlet to maroon  
Slow growing



#### **Spicebush** *Lindera benzoin*

Native  
8-12' tall  
Prefers moist to well-drained soil  
Full sun to partial shade  
Small yellow flowers bloom early spring  
Showy yellow fall color

