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### **Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)**

Origin: Seed-grown (normally), native to Michigan

Mature Size: Large (>45' tall)

Description: Hackberry is similar in leaf and growth form to elm, but (unlike elm) has smooth gray bark with corky bumps, and produces small dark red or purple berries. It has a moderate rate of growth and is tolerant to a wide range of environmental conditions. It will sometimes have leaf galls and twig deformities that can be a cosmetic problem, but these do not adversely affect the long-term health of the tree. Fall color is yellow. Improved varieties are now being produced and should be available in the future.