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# American hornbeam

*Carpinus caroliniana*

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This description is for **American hornbeam** (*Carpinus caroliniana*):

## Tall, gorgeous & hardy -just like Brad Pitt

*Carpinus caroliniana*, also known as the American hornbeam, is a gorgeous, hardy deciduous tree that grows well in a range of soil types. In the spring it produces small flowers. American hornbeam isn't resistant to drought, so it should be given plenty of water throughout dry spells. American hornbeams are slow-growing. When fully mature, they can get very tall, so hornbeams need to be carefully placed within a garden setting. They naturally grow upright so are best used as standard trees as they won't tolerate being forced into hedge-like structures.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Trees
<b>Height [m]</b> 6.5 - 10	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z3-9	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental foliage, habit and autumn colour
<b>Spread [m]</b> 6 - 12	<b>Heat zone</b> H9-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai

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<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Green	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -40 - -1	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 150	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 30 years or longer
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Late winter	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Yellow	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Yellow	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Yellow	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> Greenwood cuttings grafting seed budding		
<b>Growth habit</b> Rounded		