



**American Hazelnut\***  
*Corylus americana*

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: American Filbert, American Hazel

**Description:**

A large native shrub that is best used in naturalistic areas and shrub borders; produces tasty hazel nuts in fall; yellowish-brown catkins can be quite showy in early spring

**Edible Qualities**

American Hazelnut is a large shrub that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces brown nuts which are usually ready for picking from early to mid fall. The nuts have a sweet taste.

The nuts are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating

**Features & Attributes**

American Hazelnut has dark green foliage throughout the season. The serrated pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The flowers are not ornamentally significant. It produces brown nuts in mid fall.

This is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering



*American Hazelnut in fall*  
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*American Hazelnut fruit*  
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Aside from its primary use as an edible, American Hazelnut is suitable for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

### **Planting & Growing**

American Hazelnut will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.



*American Hazelnut*  
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This plant is typically grown in a designated edibles garden. It performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America.

### **Growing Place Choice Plants**

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