



UNIVERSITY OF
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Lincoln

river birch
Betula nigra

Code: BENI

Status: non-native



Bark: papery, white, brown, salmon colors; darker brown and furrowed or platy with age

Foliage: broad base with pointed tip, doubly serrated edge

Twigs: brown/gray, slender and flexible, hairy, reddish and smooth with age

Flower: catkins, male; droopy, light green. Female; short and upright, green

Fruit: papery, light brown “cone” containing small nutlet