

# Leaves, Limbs, Needles, and Boughs

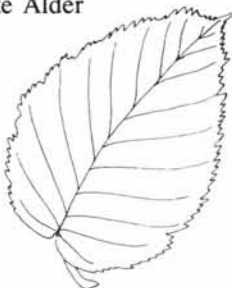
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In the succeeding months I hope to highlight a different species of tree to inform our readers that there are other trees to be planted besides the Maples, Ashes or Honeylocusts. I do not intend to down grade these species, (a sugar maple is one of my favorite trees) but to educate one to look at other species and consider them in future plantings.

This month's selection is by accident that it starts with an "a" and that it is the first of my selections.

**Alnus incana** (al'nus in-kan'a) — White Alder

This is a tree that is not widely cultivated in the States. But they make excellent plants in wet areas and along lakes and streams. It would be planted where you might want to plant a Weeping Willow and give you a lot less problems. In the spring the yellow-brown catkins provide interesting color as they sway in the breezes. During winter the catkins from the previous year look like little pine cones and are quite decorative. It has little pest problems and is a fairly fast grower.



**Leaves:** They are alternate, simple, 2 to 4" long, 1 1/4 to 2 1/4" wide, ovate, oval or obovate, apex acute and the base is rounded. Edges are double serrate and usually slightly lobulate, with a dull green above and grayish underneath.



**Buds:** They are distinctly stalked, 1/4 to 1/2" long, reddish, with more or less whitened with fine down and slightly sticky.



**Stems:** Are slender, finely downy or glabrous, grayish brown, hairy toward the tips, especially of fruiting twigs.

**Height:** It will become a large tree of 40 to 60' with a dull dark green foliage.

Credit: "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants", by Michael A. Dirr

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