

BLACK ALDER

Alnus glutinosa



Altusdirectory.com

Mature Height	60 to 70 feet	Soil Type	Any—tolerates poor soil
Mature Spread	25 feet	Flower Color	Reddish Brown
Mature Form	Pyramidal to flat topped	Foliage Color	Glossy Green
Growth Rate	Rapid—especially in wet soil	Fall Color	Yellow
Sun Exposure	Full sun to partial shade		
Soil Moisture	Prefers Moist to Wet		

The Black Alder, native to Europe, Asia and North Africa, is a most picturesque of water-loving trees, with its dark green, round or oblong leaves glutinous when they unfold in the spring. The trees are tall and erect, with dark trunks. **However it is very invasive along Indiana streams and should not be planted. It spreads rapidly by seed as well as by shoots from the roots. Readily colonizes and eliminates native trees which have much greater value for wood products.** Control by basal bark treatment for larger trees or foliar spray for young shoots. Follow label directions.



Leaves rounded or notched



Typical seed cone



Bark of young Tree

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