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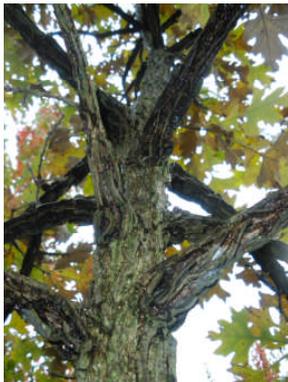
BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE!

Bark is a great feature that adds appeal to the garden by incorporating seasonal interest. Exfoliating bark shows best when the branches are bare and gets better with age. Bark with deep ridged furrows offers a unique characteristic to the landscape.

Tree bark offers the tree protection and is used for identification. Bark ranges in many different textures: smooth, peeling, ridges or rough and each one is significant to the species of tree. Most trees show dramatic changes in their bark during their lifetime.



Liquidambar styraciflua Worplesdon (Worplesdon Sweetgum) Zone 5 - Broadly pyramidal habit. Green foliage turns orange and purple in fall. Dark brown bark has irregular furrows and rough round ridges. 12M/40' tall by 7.5M/25' wide. Pictured at right.



Stewartia pseudocamellia (Japanese Stewartia) Zone 5 - Camellia like white flowers in summer. Bark exfoliates with age, revealing tan and cream patches. Growth habit is pyramidal to oval. 9M/30' tall by 6M/20' wide. Pictured at left.

Betula nigra 'Dura Heat' (Dura-Heat River Birch) Zone 4 - Heat resistant variety, resistant to bronze birch borer. Bark is dark brown when young, aging to tan and cream which exfoliates with age. Deep green foliage stays glossy even in summer heat. Broad pyramidal habit, densely branched. 12M/40' tall by 9M/30' wide. Pictured at right.



Quercus macrocarpa (Burr Oak) Zone 2 - Mature bark has distinct deep fissures, especially noticed on the thick trunk and solid branches. Bold texture. Broad spreading canopy with age. 15M/50' tall by 12M/40' wide. Pictured at left.

Acer pensylvanicum (Striped Bark Maple) Zone 3b - Green and white vertically striped bark is a unique accent to this tree. Broad oval habit. 7.5M/25' tall by 6M/20' wide. Pictured at left.



Physocarpus opulfolius 'Monlo Diabolo' (Purple Ninebark) Zone 2 - Clusters of creamy white flowers in spring contrast nicely with the dark reddish-purple foliage. Attractive tan/gray bark peels with age. Great small ornamental patio tree. 2.5M/8' tall and wide. Pictured at right.



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