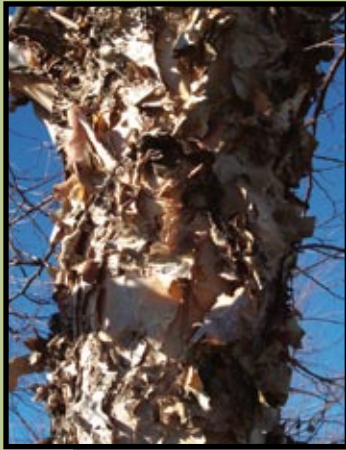


Test Your Knowledge

A.

Photo courtesy: Dave Hanson, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota



Was I in the sun too long because I look like I'm peeling? Actually, I'm supposed to look like this. In the forest, I am normally found growing along streams and in urban areas, my multi-stem cousin has gained much popularity. My bark is my most distinguishing characteristic, any idea what I am?

B.

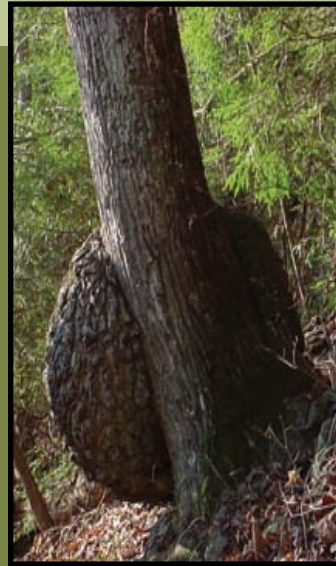
Photo courtesy: www.seedman.com



You may see me growing along fence lines or along the edge of the woods and most folks wouldn't recognize me unless I was in bloom. But once you see my breathtaking bloom, you'll never forget me. I can grow up to 30 feet long and I have medicinal properties that assist with controlling asthma. Do you know me?

C.

Photo courtesy: Susan Laursen



Is this tree pregnant or did it just swallow a boulder? I develop from one or more twig buds whose confused cells continue to multiply but never elongate into a limb. I come in all different sizes and can be found on many different kinds of tree species. On the positive side, I don't usually cause harm to trees and my wood is much sought after by specialty wood crafters. Do you know me?

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E.



I lost some of my bark due to a "shocking" experience; I guess that's what I get for being the tallest tree in the yard. I wish there was a way to keep Mother Nature from getting up-close and personal, after all, no one likes being grounded. What caused my dilemma?

D.



I normally raise my fuzzy little head every year around early May and folks in northern Kentucky know me well. I don't normally stay in one site for long, however oak leaves are like Lays potato chips – can't eat just one. I don't make tents in the crotches of trees like my cousin, eastern tent caterpillar, but I'm more commonly found with my buddies hanging out on the trunk or stem of the tree. Many people recognize me by my blue racing stripes, do you?

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